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## Congress Bans Safe Sex Info

## Helms Amendment Passes House; **Prohibits Gav-Related Materials**

by Tim Taylor

The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday voted 368-47 The U.S. House of Representatives on Iuesday voted 308-47 to ban federal funds for gay-related safe sex education. The House action followed a 94-2 vote in the Senate last week, assuring that the ban on safe-sex information will become law. The measure, a budget amendment proposed by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N. Carolina), would deny federal funds for groups which publish materials, or engage in activities, that "promote, encourage or condone homosexual sexual activities."

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The highly charged—and highly unusual—vote came the week after more than a half million gays, lesbians and their supporters marched on the capi-tal. Helms, leader of the New Right on social issues such as abortion and gay rights, waved a copy of a comic book depicting condom use and declared: "I could throw up."

The proviso was added to a spending bill for the departments of Labor and Health and

WELL, THAT PIPE'S ALL FIXED.

Human Services. The bill appropriates \$946 million for AIDS research and service programs for fiscal 1988, which began on Oct. 1. The bill is now headed to a joint Senate-House conference committee, where lawnakers will committee where lawmakers will try to reconcile disagreements over a final spending plan.

The House vote was unusual because the House already had passed the budget. The Senate was finishing its action on the
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Affinity groups sang and held hands while they waited for the police to act (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

## Go To Jail

## An Arresting Experience; A Capitol Crime

by Mike Hippler

hen the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of Georgia's sodomy law in the Hardwick case last year, I was as disappointed as I have ever been with the American system of justice. Later, after the Gay "Olympics" decision, my frustration turned to rage, and I wanted to throw rocks at the Federal Building. Luckily, I found a better way to express myself. I flew to Washington to participate in "Out and Outraged," last wash's powiedness with the Supreme Court in "Out and Outraged," last week's nonviolent civil disobedience at the Supreme Court.

Doing this was extremely im-Doing this was extremely im-portant to me. I had always counted on the Supreme Court and when they failed to recognize our rights, I felt we had no place left to turn. Like Thoreau, Gandhi, and Martin Luther King, Jr. be-fore me, I took matters into my own hands and rebelled. I refused to accept an unjust situation.

Early on the morning of Oct. 13, therefore, I rode the subway with two dykes from L.A. wearing "Screw the U.S. Supreme Court" sweatshirts to the park across the street from the Supreme Court building. There, thousands of demonstrators were assembling. I soon spotted my friend Jim, who had agreed to act as my support person and to keep track of my whereabouts from the outside throughout the day.

At an information table I tried to sign up with one of the organ-ized "affinity groups," groups of

people with shared goals who planned to be arrested together. When I admitted that I had undergone no civil disobedience training, however, I was asked not to participate.

"But I've counted on this for months," I protested. "I've talked with people who've had the training, and I know what to expect. Don't make me disobey the civil disobedience."

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## **Mayor Seeks Mandatory AIDS Tests in City Jails**

## **But Antibody Screening Violates State Law**

by Brian Jones

Mayor Dianne Feinstein this week called for mandatory AIDS antibody testing of all inmates sentenced to city jails. But the mayor's proposal, detailed in a letter to the city Health Commission, would violate state law. And the mayor called for a new program which is, in fact, already underway: mandatory education of city jail inmates on AIDS prevention.

"San Francisco must show the same concerned and caring leadership in protecting the rights of the uninfected" as it has shown for people with AIDS, Feinstein wrote. Her comment echoed a standard statement used by State Sen. John Doolit-tle in promoting statewide, mandatory testing.

posal is nearly identical to SB-1005, one of the "Doolittle bills," which would require antibody testing of all state prison in-

Feinstein also called for encouraging—but not requiring—antibody testing among people applying for marriage licenses, people using sexually transmitted disease clinics, drug abusers using recovery agencies, and hospital patients needing

"As more and more people are affected" by AIDS, the mayor said, "I believe they will begin to ask why testing has not been

## **Today**

**DUMB DOCTORS:** Two studies find a group in need of AIDS education: physicians. But doctors are resisting such training. Tim Taylor examines the doctors on page 2.

SWEEPING THE MEN'S ROOM - Police, not janitors, were sweeping the men's room at UCSF, and dozens of cruisers were picked up. Page 3.

SIMON SAYS he'll support gay-rights bill. The Demo senator from Illinois, on the stump for president, breakfasts with the Alliance. Page 4.

OOPS, says the director of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. A fundraiser for the Olympics raised eyebrows of some members.

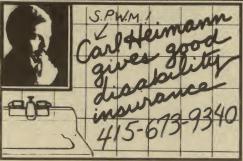
FIFE'S CLOSES and it may never reopen as a gay resort after plan for an AIDS hospice falls through. Page 20.



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## Studies Say Doctors 'Ignorant about AIDS'

## Only 44 Percent Know Symptoms, Yet Many Refuse Education

by Tim Taylo

Reserchers at UCLA have identified a new group which is in urgent need of immediate AIDS education: doctors. A random statewide survey of 1,000 California doctors found that many failed to recognize symptoms of HIV infection, failed to ask about a patient's sexual history or orientation, and were uncomfortable counseling patients who are gay.

As a result, the survey's authors say, many patients across the state are not receiving adequate information about how to avoid AIDS.

The study on physician competence was conducted by a ream of researchers led by Dr. Charles Lewis at the University of California, Los Angeies Department of Medicine and Sociology. The findings were published in the July, 1987 issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

The study was highlighted at a recent hearing conducted by the state Assembly Health Committee. Lawmakers were considering additional funds to educate medical professionals.

Lewis stated, "On a statewide basis, a majority of those interviewed tack the AIDS-related knowledge and skills required to carry out their roles in dealing with AIDS."

He said that 65 percent of the physicians did not inquire about the sexual orientation of patients, thereby precluding identification of those at risk for infection and losing an opportunity to engage in counseling for risk reduction activities. Only 44 percent of doctors interviewed knew more than three symptoms of AIDS-related complex.

#### BARRIER TO CARE

Moreover, Lewis said a "high degree of discomfort" by many physicians in treating gay patients "constitutes a major barrier to the provision of optimal care"

He concluded, "A significant proportion of primary care physicians throughout California, including those in its two largest metropolitan areas, cannot be expected to appropriately diagnose, counsel or refer paitents at high risk, or provide adequate advice and reassurances to their patients who are not at risk but [who are] simply alarmed about the prospect of acquiring AIDS."

Lewis elaborated on his findings in the August 1987 issue of the Western Journal of Medicine, in which he focused on counseling and the prevalence of sexualhistory taking by physicians.

He said, "Counseling about three rational and appropriate risk-reducing behaviors avoiding anal intercourse, reducing the numbers of partners and using condoms—was not evenly distributed across the state."

Lewis added, "The counseling practices leave much to be desired, as it would appear that only 60 percent of the physicians with patients at risk could have provided appropriate counsel useful in reducing risks."

Lewis said that "discomfort in dealing with gay men is a significant determinant of sexual history-taking practices." He noted that older physicians were less likely to be thorough than younger physicians, and that men were less likely than women to take adequate histories.

Physicians with negative attitudes about gay patients "should become aware of their disability," Lewis said.

#### NATIONAL PROBLEM

in a related study by Dr. Jeffrey Kelly of the University of Mississippt, 500 doctors from three mid-sized cities outside California were surveyed for their attitudes toward AIDS patients. Kelly's findings were also published in the July issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

Doctors were asked to read profiles of two patients with similar backgrounds. One was a leukemia patient and the other was gay and diagnosed with AIDS. There are many medical similarities between the two diseases.

Kelly found, "Physicians considered the AIDS patient to be more responsible for his illness, more deserving of what happened to him, to be experiencing more pain but less deserving of sympathy and understanding, more dangerous to others, and more deserving of quarantine. The patient with AIDS elicited much harsher attitudes than the identically described patient said to have leukemia."

Moreover, in social interactions, Kelly said, "Physicians described themselves as less willing to engage in a conversation with an AIDS patient than a leukemia patient, less willing to attend a party where he was present or had prepared food, less willing to continue a past friendship, and less willing to allow children to visit him?

The doctors surveyed resided in Columbus, Ohio; Phoenix, Arizona; and Memphis, Tennessee. Kelly said the cities were selected because they are representative of urban areas which have moderate but increasing numbers of people with AIDS.

The reports by Lewis and Kelly prompted the public health journal to opine in an editorial, "Both studies suggest that some health care providers still need to be convinced that AIDS is caused by a virus and is not casually transmitted."

The editorial continued, "The two articles conclude that some health care providers hold prejudicial attitudes, lack counseling skills and are uninformed about proper diagnostic approaches to AIDS and appropriate patient-management procedures."

#### IGNORANT ABOUT AIDS

In testimony before the Assembly Health Committee, Dr. Charles Gessert noted that many physicians currently in practice were educated before AIDS was first identified, and their training does not equip them to respond to the epidemic. Gessert is affiliated with the California Area Health Education Center System



n Fresno.

"The fact that physicians are not ready to take their role in fighting the epidemic should not be surprising," Gessert said. "Physicians who feel uncomfortable dealing with homosexuals continue to be ignorant about AIDS."

He added that care currently is provided by "a tiny minority of health care professionals" even in hard-hit areas such as San Francisco. He said a state-aided education campaign that fosters improved skills among physicians is required to treat the rising patient caseload.

Even if the educational materials are provided, doubts exist about whether the physicians would take advantage of them.

Lewis said, "When physicians in the study group were provided, without cost, a variety of continuing education materials about AIDS, including videotapes, audiotapes and printed materials, only half of them utilized these materials."

And the public health journal editorial noted, "Many important messages are either not being received or acted on because time is limited for the practitioner to listen, absorb, and assimilate all the information available. More effective responses to the AIDS crisis muspenetrate these barriers."

## Decline in S.F. Syphilis Cases

The effectiveness of San Francisco's AIDS education program was demonstrated in recent reports of the incidence of syphilis in California. While statewide cases of syphilis have increased substantially, the number of syphilis cases in San Francisco declined by 36 percent in the first half of 1987.

According to Dr. Gail Bolan, director of Sexually Transmitted Disease Control for the San Francisco Department of Public Health, there were 107 cases of primary and secondary syphilis cases reported among San Francisco residents from January through June, 1987, down from 168 cases reported in the first six months of 1986.

Reduction in cases of syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases over the past several years in San Francisco has been largely a consequence of changes in sexual behavior. San Francisco's AIDS education programs are designed to foster behaviors that reduce or eliminate the risk of acquiring AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. The San Francisco Department of Public Health, along with several educational organizations, including the AIDS Health Project and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, has been in the forefront of this effort. The decline in syphilis and gonorrhea among homosexual men is evidence that San Francisco residents are adopting AIDS prevention strategies.

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## 4 Arrested, 39 Cited At UCSF Men's Room

by Ray O'Loughlin

Investigation of a series of thefts led police at the University of California-San Francisco (UCSF) medical center to arrest four men for lewd conduct in a campus restroom. Another 39 people were stopped by police and given warnings for loitering in the area. Eight of them were held on other charges following identification checks.

Campus security officers staked out two restrooms in the Medical Sciences Building after a number of stolen wallets had been found dumped there. Instead of catching a thief, however, plainclothes officers observed sexual acts and much cruising, loitering, and solicitation, police said

said.

"We began to make arrests to give notice that this had to stop," said Joseph Cowan, UCSF assistant chancellor for legal affairs. He said that UCSF officials had known "this was going on for some time."

"Because of the complaints

and the openness of it, we had to step in," he said.

Cowan told Bay Area Reporter that he hoped the people arrested could be "worked with" to avoid criminal prosecutions.

David Goldberg, of the campus Gay Men's Support Group, was critical of the university for acting so suddenly. "That particular bathroom has been notorious for years," he said, "but for the university to up and do something without fair warning is ridiculous."

He said his group has been meeting with university officials to solve the problem. "We're go-

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New signs have gone up in Moffitt Hospital at UCSF

(Photo: S. Savage)

ing to do what we can to make sure it doesn't happen again," he said.

"We feel the university really

wants to work with us,' said Goldberg. "They've agreed that if there is a problem in the future, they'll come to us first."

Goldberg had this advice for troom cruisers: "It's not appropriate behavior. They should stop it."

### Police Seek Info On Murder Suspect



David Porter aka Robert Clay

The San Francisco Police Department is requesting community help in the investigation of gay-related murders. Police ask that anyone who recognizes David Porter (pictured here) to contact them.

contact them.

On Sept. 14, Porter, also known as Robert Clay, was arrested by police in Concord and charged with the murder of a man in Providence, Rhode Island, Police believe that Porter was in San Francisco and active in the gay community between September 1986 and September 1987. Persons with information are asked to call Inspectors Ed Erdelatz or Jeff Brosch at the Homicide Detail, telephone (415) 553-1147 or 553-1148.

#### Feds to Study Anti-Gay Violence

Responding to lobbying by the National Cay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ)—the research arm of the Justice Department—and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) have agreed to initiate efforts to study anti-gay violence.

The study is being conducted by Abt Associates, an independent research firm, and will review existing research on the scope, nature, and motivations of hate violence.



## Simon Says He Backs Gay Job-Rights Bill

#### **Demo Presidential Candidate** Taking the Lead in Iowa

by Ray O'Loughlin

Presidential candidate Sen. Paul Simon (D-Illinois) pledged last week to support the gay employment-rights bill now before Congress. He joins the Rev. Jesse Jackson, among the major candidates for the White House, in supporting the bill to extend federal civil rights protections to gay and lesbian people. Though not now a sponsor of the legislation, Simon said he would consider signing onto the bill.

"I do support it and have in past years," Simon told a gather-ing of the Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance on Monday morning, Oct. 19. "I am willing to work with you and take a look at the bill," Simon said.

Relating that he came from southern Illinois, which he said is closer to Mississippi than to Chicago, "I've always opposed discrimination and always will,"

He called for a "crash pro-am" to combat the AIDS epigram" to combat the AIDS epidemic. But Simon also urged protection for the civil rights of those affected by the disease. "We have to move in ways that do not impose a police state," said Simon. "Let's face our problems, move on our problems, but within a spirit respecting the civil liberties of our citizens."

He said that while there was He said that while there was consensus in Congress supporting increased funds for AIDS research, education was more controversial. But Simon backed public AIDS education because "education pays off" and "cuts down on unreasoning fear."

He said he didn't vote on Sen Jesse Helms' amendment last week to cut \$20 million in federal funds from AIDS education that was denounced as pornographic. "I was out of town campaigning," said the Illinois Democrat.

Simon has joined Sens. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) in sponsoring legislation to expand voluntary testing programs for HIV.

Following the withdrawal of Gary Hart and Joseph Biden from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, Simon has risen in popularity.
One poll recently showed the first-term senator leading in Iowa, which will decide its favorite next February in caucus meet-

Will Simon's unabashed liber alism attract voters in the era of Reagan retrenchment? Simon said the response he's been getsaid the response he's been get-ting indicates Americans are ready for a change. There is "a universal appeal of issues," he said, which leads voters in all regions to favor his stand for cutting defense spending in order to increase social services.

"We've wasted a lot of money and called it defense," said Simon in his blunt style.

Simon hopes his candor will Simon hopes his candor will impress voters. After miniscandals thinned the ranks of the Democrats, Simon hopes to capitalize on his reputation for intelligence and integrity. "With me there is no pretty package," he recently told the Los Angeles Times, "what you see is what you get."

In his second appearance this year before a San Francisco gay audience, Simon credited the gay vote with some clout. "This country can do much better," he country can do much better," he told Alliance members, "the key is leadership and you're among those who will play a role in choosing that leadership."

### Test

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more extensively used when it
can help prevent the spread and
protect the uninfected and unsuspecting. We have a responsibility to test when knowing will help to protect others."

Feinstein supported her proposal by citing a rambling, six-page, single-spaced letter signed only, "Louise Anonymous."

"Frankly, I think AIDS has been a political issue rather than a health one and our priorities are off center. The disease is spreading like wildfire," the let-

In fact, the rate of AIDS transmission in San Francisco during 1987 has been below one percent, according to the nation's largest federal study on AIDS transmission. A UC-Berkeley study charting AIDS in 19 San Francisco neighborhoods since 1984 has stated that transmission has dropped "to near zero."

The anonymous letter cited by Feinstein continues, "Why are we pretending this disease isn't insidiously infiltrating the city. Some of my friends don't even want to visit S.F. any more. They say a grey pall hangs over the city, as though the city is haunted."

"We are all at risk, and so are our children," the anonymous

The anonymous letter-writer represents being a divorced mother of three with many "dear gay friends" because she is in the arts. In another part of the letter, however, the author represents being "a crisis counselor for 7 and a half years."

The letter states, "I still think there are secret bathhouses in S.F. and they have to be dis-covered and closed." It urges, "Something has to be done that has more grit, more power. This waffling about in regards to a spreading fatal disease is too weak, too inadequate."

Feinstein, who released the anonymous letter with her pro-posal on Tuesday, said, "This let-

Nonsense, said Sup. Harry



Mayor Dianne Feinstein

Britt. Mandatory testing of jail inmates or anyone else "Is simply a way of appearing to do something about AIDS without doing anything real at all," Britt said. "I don't know why Dianne is doing this upless ship trying is doing this, unless she is trying to create a record for her race for governor.'

#### PRACTICAL PROBLEMS

It seemed unlikely the pro-posal would succeed, although it could indirectly affect the wider atmosphere of public policy and

First, the proposal violates current state law. The AIDS Anti-body Testing Confidentiality Act, passed in 1984, prohibits anti-body testing without the express written consent of the person to he tested.

Sen. Doolittle (R-Folsom) and others have sought to weaken the law, but as the 1987 legislature adjourned, the confidentiality law remained in effect. Feinstein's proposal may support ef-forts to weaken or repeal the law next year.

Larry Bush, aide to Assembly-member Art Agnos (D-S.F.), author of the confidentiality law, was asked if Feinstein's proposal were legal. "No," he said, without pausing.

Bush was incensed at Fein-stein's call for "the same concerned and caring leadership in protecting the rights of the as in protecting people with AIDS.

"This is a phrase popularized by the New Right, and it promotes the underlying assumption that we have not been concerned about the rights of the larger public," Bush said. "That's just not so."

'San Francisco and the state of California are acknowledged everywhere as being leaders in protecting the rights and the health of the uninfected—by educating the public how not to get AIDS," Bush said.

Another practical barrier to Feinstein's proposal is that all three city institutions which would be involved in implemenwould be involved in implemen-ting it are opposed to mandatory testing. Those institutions in-clude the Health Commission, the Department of Public Health staff, and the Sheriff's office.

Said Dr. Tom Peters, associate director of health, "We are studying the recommendation very carefully, but we have substantial questions . . . we have talked to the sheriff, and Sheriff Hennessey has serious questions about the advisability of this proposal."

Peters pointed out that mandatory education on AIDS prevention already is occurring at San Francisco jails. Inmates receive AIDS prevention material at booking, the jails are postered with AIDS prevention messages, and on release, inmates are given an AIDS prevention kit including

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## Sheriff Says He's Against **Mandatory Jail Testing**

Sheriff Michael Hennessey said Wednesday he was strongly opposed to "a quarantine of inmates identified as infected" with the AIDS virus. He said Mayor Feinstein's jail testing proposal raised "frightening questions."

"The effort to quarantine in-mates identified as infected is only an opening gambit for the eventual quarantining of other citizens who are infected," Hen-nessey said. "I am very concern-ed about this whole idea."

Hennessey said it would be im-ossible, from a practical standpoint, to segregate antibody positive inmates. "At the Hall of Justice, I've got 900 prisoners and 30 single cells," he said.

City jails book 55,000 people a year, but only about 10,000 of them are sentenced inmates. The rest are people charged with, but not yet convicted of, a crime. Two-thirds of those booked at city jails are released within 48 hours.

"There is a larger question, "There is a larger question," and it is a frightening question," Hennessey said. "Once information of HIV infection gets into the hands of law enforcement, there is neither any obligation nor any incentive for that infor-mation to remain confidential."

Hennessey said, "What we could end up with is the keeping of lists of people in the commu-nity identified as HIV positive people."

Hennessey said the Police Officers' Association, the police union, had asked Hennessey for a list of antibody positive prisoners in city jails. But he refused, saying, "I don't keep any such lists:"

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HARRY BRITT



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PAUL BONEBERG Director, Mobilization Against AIDS\*



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PROPOSITION C-HEALTH FACILITIES BONDS-VOTE NO

PROPOSITION D - RECREATION AND PARK BONDS - VOTE NO

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Vote YES on G.

#### PROPOSITION H - DEPUTY SHERIFF PROBATION

This proposition would simply extend the probation period from 12 to 18 months, allowing the Sheriff's Department more time to evaluate each deputy. Each trainee spends approximately four or five months in school, and seven or eight months is not sufficient time to judge work

This proposition would also bring the Sheriff's training into the same criteria as the Police Department.

#### PROPOSITION I - DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT PAYMENTS

This proposition would bring the Sheriff's Department into line with those of Police and Firefighters. It would cap the PERS payment by department employees at 7.5 percent of their wages. It merits your vote. Vote YES on L

#### PROPOSITION J -- EMPLOYEE REPS. RETIREMENT

This would allow labor unions to contribute retirement monies to the city or PERS plans on behalf of persons on leave of absence to work as union representatives. The idea looks fine on paper but many union reps receive higher wages than if they were on the city's payroll. The unions would pay in at these higher wages, and the city would eventually pay higher retirement.

If the electorate were guaranteed that the same wage scale (if working on the job) was the basis for retirement pay-ins, then it would be equitable. This is not the case.

Vote NO on J.

#### PROPOSITION K-NURSES RETIREMENT EXEMPTION

This proposition would amend the City Charter to provide that full-This proposition would amend the City Charter to provide that full-time nurses hired by the city after Jan. 1, 1988 get no additional retire-ment credit for extra hours worked on a day-by-day basis. Nurses who work those extra hours would have the option to have them count towards retirement and would have to contribute to the retirement fund.

#### PROPOSITION L-APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY CLERK

Would combine the positions of Executive Officer of the Superior Court and the County Clerk into one position. It would also remove the County Clerk from Civil Service status, and place this position under the presiding judge. It would streamline the court system and save money. Vote YES on L.

#### PROPOSITION N - CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE

Would change the filing date for candidates for local office from 60 days to 88 days prior to the election dates. The extra days would insure the timely delivery of the Voters Handbook and cut overtime costs for printing and extra personnel.

Vote YES on N.

#### PROPOSITION O - HEALTH SERVICE BOARD ELECTION

While retired city employees pay into health services, they cannot vote for the three members elected by city employees. We find this to be discriminatory and should be changed.

Vote YES on O.

PROPOSITION P - DISTRICT ELECTIONS

Vote NO on P.

#### PROPOSITION Q - MINIMUM FIREFIGHTER STAFFING

This would become a case where the tail would wag the dog. It has This would become a case where the tail would wag the dog, it has taken many years to streamline and modernize the San Francisco Fire Department. What the firefighters union is trying to do here is go back to the old boy/featherbedding policies of yesteryear. By proposing a charter amendment of this nature, they would insure themselves and not the mayor, Fire Commission or the Board of Supervisors would control the policies of the Fire Dept.

There are still many inequities within the department and the bureaucracy moves slowly to correct them, but it is moving. To stop the changes at this time is incorrect. The cost to the city would be between \$15 and \$16 million annually, with an additional one million dollars a

They are also trying to remove the budget from review by the mayor and the Board of Supervisors. This proposition could set up a new bureaucracy with no controls.

Vote NO on P.

#### PROPOSITION R-UTILITY USER TAX REPEAL

We have always felt that this tax was one of the most equitable in the city. It is one where even large businesses pay their fair share. There are also lower rates for Lifeline users. This tax helps to pay for essential city services and the average taxpayer pays approximately \$50 per year. In these critical times with more money needed for the homeless, hungry and AIDS persons, don't cut off our noses to spite our faces.

Vote NO on R.

#### PROPOSITION T -- PUBLIC PROPERTY

Again we come to a small group of persons trying to dictate to the majority. We elect public officials to act on our behalf. If we feel that they have failed in their duties, then it is up to us to remove them from office. Don't further hamstring your elected officials.

Vote NO on T.

#### PROPOSITION U-NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

This is just another thinly disguised move to oppose the homeporting of the U.S.S. Missouri and nothing else.

Vote NO on II

#### PROPOSITION V - CONSUMER APARTHEID BOYCOTT

The City of San Francisco already has a strong policy regarding South African investments. To go further would be beyond the scope of local

Vote NO on V

#### PROPOSITION W-BASEBALL STADIUM

A controversial proposition that has to be enacted before it can be condemned. The pros certainly outweigh the cons and we could use a decent sports facility in the downtown area. To be built without city funds, it certainly merits your vote.

Vote YES on W.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

#### Documented

★ After reading the article regarding the Republican use of AIDS as a scare tactic in their campaign in 1988 and if the article really can be documented and is able to be proved, without question, you should put it out on the wire service so the (straight) newspapers can pick it up and we can beat them at their own ignorant game

(Some of) the public would know ahead of time and recognize it for what it is and not listen to anyone who had the stupidity to use it against an appointment (or us) to get into office and spread unfounded ignorance and fear throughout an unenlightened

It would give "them" something to help build AIDS out of proportion. If the public (straights) ac-cepts it when their children begin to die of AIDS, the funnymentalist, and Republicans, the Roman Catholic church and whoever, can use the death of their children as a reason to blame homosexuals as the cause, and then push for extermination camps and then it will be "our fault" not the fault of heterosexuals or Africans whence the disease came from. Their is no fault, but they will make one of it

San Francisco

ED. NOTE: The article was "able to be roved" of course, or we would not have pub-ELI. NOTE: The article was "able to be proved" of course, or we would not have published it at the top of our front page. We're distressed that you suspect our veracity even though we published the text of the memo. KRON-TV followed up in its broadcasts the next day, citing our story. As for the wire services, we can't account for their news judgment—or lack thereof. Anyway, why should they believe us if some of our own readers don't? And does a story need to be printed in the straight press before it is "real"?

Brian Jones

#### **Biased Polls**

★ I recently discovered that the Chronicle and the Examiner both commission their political polls from pollsters who have no qualms about producing deliberately biased survey results. I learned this while trying to check the validity of their recently published polls. I was suspicious because the polls were at odds with my own surveys, which show that Cesar Ascarrunz has 10 percent enthusiastic support.

It turns out that the Chronicle and Examiner polls It turns out that the Chronicle and Examiner polls both used "qualifying questions" to determine who could participate. Neither the newspapers nor the pollsters would tell me what the qualifying questions were. In fact, they refused to tell me what any of the

questions were.

So, I called the pollsters and asked them to produce a poll showing Ascarrunz to be winning by 80 percent. They were both perfectly willing to comply (for a price, of course). One actually told me that he could use the qualifying questions to limit the survey to Ascarrunz supporters! Now these pollsters' surveys are in turn being used to limit the menu of "viable candidates."

Please do not be deceived. Cesar Ascarrunz is energetic, capable, and well worth considering when you make your choice in November

Eric Loeb, Campaign Aide (for) Cesar Ascarrunz

#### **America's Finest**

★ During the past week in Washington, D.C., I par-\*\* During the past week in washington, During the civil disobedience. Having lived and worked in Washington from 1968 to 1985, I witnessed many demonstrations, but the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights was undoubtedly the most well organized, peaceful and effective I have ever

That the Washington Post gave us front page lead coverage on Monday and Wednesday and filled its pages with photos that were not sensationalistic, and that their news coverage was unbiased and did not seek to reinforce false stereotypes, attests to the fact that our movement has come of age and is being taken seriously.

For the first time in my memory the gay and les-bian community was unconditionally united and it was exciting and uplifting to be part of that family. More importantly, it was undeniably obvious that it is the lesbians in our community who are the courageous leaders in this movement. Women organ-ized the march and were the real force behind the civil disobedience. Lesbians outnumbered men at the Supreme Court arrests by two to one.

While gay men are fighting to take care of them-selves during the AIDS epidemic, our sisters are bravely and actively fighting to achieve and preserve our civil rights. In Washington there was a union of men and women that can only be described as lov-

ing, respectful and determined.

It seems that the Universe, in her ultimate It seems that the Universe, in her ultimate, mysterious and painful wisdom, is wearing some sort of goodness into the fabric of our lives through the horror of AIDS: we are becoming sexually responsible, socially and politically mature, personally conscious of what it means to be human, and spiritually

If ever there was a time to be proud of being gay, it was last week in Washington, D.C. Our presence there, our behavior, our ability to put aside internal differences and personal prejudices and our natural inclination to love one another must have captured the attention of all America. We vented our justifiable outrage with directness, honesty, firmness and even, at times, with humor. What other group has ever done

I believe American history will record that during this age of divisiveness, hatred and fear, the lesbian and gay members of this society were America's

Krandall Kraus

#### Thanks, HBO

★ This letter was sent New York, NY 10036 is sent to HBO, Inc., 1100 6th Avenue,

I don't know where to begin. I have never written to a corporation before where I didn't have a major complaint. This is just the opposite. I just finished watching a movie presented by HBO, Inc. called Intimate Contact. It is a powerful film shown in two parts on consecutive days (the next showing is on Oct. 29, 30; part 1 is shown on one day, part 2 the

Those of us active around the AIDS crisis know all too well that AIDS is everyone's problem and we are constantly trying to find ways to educate people to this reality and to bring people together in a caring and constructive way to deal with this terrifying disease. Most of us who are familiar with AIDS have seen the cruelty of uneducated people toward peo-ple with AIDS, the isolation that often occurs with family members and so-called friends, the pain and suffering of the disease itself, and still so many people who really need to care do not want to look for fear of being contaminated.

The film *Intimate Contact* is powerful in that it depicts every aspect of the despair, not only of those with AIDS themselves, but of their families and loved with AIDS themselves, but of their families and loved ones who care, who stand by them. People who often find themselves divided by their own misconceptions of the disease, or the shame, or the guilt of having someone they love identified as an AIDS "victim." This movie does not speak so much of "victims" or "patients" but of people with AIDS—drug abusers, children, hemophiliacs, gays, women—and those special people who love them and care and are there when they are most needed.

As person with AIDS I was greatly touched by this

As person with AIDS, I was greatly touched by this film. More important, it is a film that must be shown everywhere. At a time when our Senate and Jesse Helms would penalize those organizations educating around AIDS, HBO is particularly to be commended.

I can only hope that you will continue this movie into your next month's selection as well. I would also hope that you are able to distribute copies of this film to be shown at high schools, at community centers, and hospitals.

Richard Paul Bornstein AIDS/ARC Support Group San Francisco

#### Syphilis

\* Is AIDS syphilis? Testing last year of frozen sera from 20 patients, all of whom died of CDC-defined AIDS, revealed that each patient also had active syphilis at the time of death though only five had shown syphilis in routine testing prior to death. The Journal of the American Medical Association editorialized last Jan. 16 that immune-compromised people may no longer test positive for synhilis even people may no longer test positive for syphilis even though they may have it.

In April a New York doctor began treating AIDS and ARC patients using anti-syphilis drugs only, and results dealing with the first 25 patients were revealed at a press conference in San Francisco Oct. 15. Every single patient showed signs of improvement, both in observable physical condition and blood work. Incidentally, only eight of the 25 had tested positive for explain.

for syphilis.

A new book, AIDS and Syphilis: the Hidden Link, details the theory, suggesting that if you are AIDS or ARC-diagnosed you have syphilis—whether it shows or not. And on Nov. 2 from 9 to 4 p.m., the country's foremost expert will be offering a one-day workshop on "Syphilis and AIDS" at First Unitarian Church (TBM Associates, 2811 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94703; registration fee \$85). It's said that AIDS can't yet be cured; but syphilis can.

I urge all health conscious people to attend.

Mike Smith San Francisco



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#### Beware

★ I am disappointed that you printed sections of Family Pharmaceuticals press release on AZT by mail without checking their claims. The \$200 per hundred "below wholesale" price they offer is no better than the \$197.60 Walgreens (Castro & 18th) charges.

Mark Pearson San Francisco

#### Extreme

★ One of the biggest complaints gays have against the general press is that they only seem to publish photographs of the more unusual and extreme members of our community.

Yet that is exactly what you have done on pages 16 and 17 of the Oct. 8 issue, and then again in many of your advertisements.

Isn't this some sort of double standard? How come the straight press gets criticized for publishing what you publish routinely?

Dan Dooley Los Angeles, CA

ED. NOTE: Nothing more "unusual and extreme" is pictured on the pages you note than people having fun at the street fair. Advertisements are paid for, so we can provide space to publish letters such as yours.

#### Haunting

\* The following letter was sent to Sen. Pete Wilson:

Dear Sen. Wilson:

I suspect that your vote for Bork will come back to haunt you for a long time. Your vote adds to the impression that Republicans, in general, are in agreement with "Bork Values."

As a prominent Republican, do you agree with Bork on privacy issues, specifically, that gay men and lesbians have no rights under the Constitution, as stated by Bork during the recent Senate hearing?

Do you think it was a "privilege" for women to have the choice either to be sterilized or to be fired from their jobs, as Bork also stated?

If the answer is "no" to either of the above questions, why did you vote for Bork?

You speak as if the Pres. AIDS Commission is something to be taken seriously. It is an absolute farce and a fiasco. You don't put homophobes on a board to study AIDS when at least 73 percent of those with AIDS are gay men.

Do you favor putting Ku Klux Klan members on a board to study sickle cell anemia, resisting black representation on such a board?

The incredibly ignorant DeVos (President of Amway) of the commission, is opposed to having a PWA (a person with AIDS) on the commission because "he would be too emotional."

One must not be too emotional about one's fatal illness, don't you think?

David P. Steward Mountain View, CA

#### Shame

★ There is nobody, aside from Nancy, who would be happier than I if Ronald Reagan went down in history as one of our greatest presidents. But even if Nancy gets her "arms agreement," in my estimation President Reagan will not earn this honorable place in history unless he acts generously and quickly upon the AIDS epidemic.

Never in my life has an administration been so closely identified with fundamentalist theology. Yet where is that fundamental love (that is Christ's boldest message) being shown toward people with AIDS? The good Samaritan took it upon himself to help the ailing, battered traveller. Though this victim was one 'fof them,' the Samaritan showed a generosity that has amazed humankind for centuries.

With scores of your appointees under investigation, with your zestful supporter Rev. Jerry Falwell calling Jim Bakker "the greatest scab and cancer on the face of Christianity in 2,000 years," and with your hulliating AIDS panel that is a slap in the face to every American, I must puzzle whether you are a hypocrite or a very sheltered, out-of-touch man.

Your administration claims that out of respect for "the small town, midwestern elderly couple for whom the details of this deadly disease have no importance," clearly written brochures informing every American of precautionary measures to halt the spread of AIDS were not mailed.

I say shame to you all. If this disease continues at its present pace, even that secluded elderly couple cannot escape its destructive path. Eventually they, too, will know someone—an acquaintance, a cousin, a grandson—who has succumbed to a disease that has been permitted to wage an all out war on the American people.

We need a cure for AIDS to protect us—not Star Wars. And do you think so little of that elderly couple and other sensitive Americans that they will not undergo a bit of momentary discomfort as they scan this pamphlet so that a teenage boy or girl, deprived of the awareness that we San Franciscans are blessed with, might understand the concept and measures of safe sex and have a second chance for life? The reality of death disturbs the heart a millionfold more than the reality of the condom.

Shame on you Pres. Reagan, shame. But there is still time left in your presidency to earn that cherished spot alongside the legacies of our greats. Please God, you'll get it.

James Patrick Kennedy San Francisco

#### Swite

★ The following was sent to CBS News, New York:

I am outraged! As a long-time viewer of the CBS Evening News, I tuned in your broadcast with Charles Osgood on Oct. 11, to learn about the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights held that day. After sitting through feature stories on such topics as communism in Albania and a new breed of milk cows, I finally saw a very short two-minute segment on the march which began sixteen minutes into the news program.

As a woung junjor high school student, not yet out.

As a young junior high school student, not yet out as a gay man, I remember being moved while watching the extensive, live coverage you gave to the 1963 civil rights march on Washington. The media coverage of that event was a major impetus for the rights won by the 10 percent of our citizens who are black. Now, in 1987, the 10 percent of our citizens who are gay and lesbian who have not yet been given their civil rights marched on Washington in the hundreds of thousands, but you deemed it fit to give this event only two minutes in the last half of your news program.

program.

Exactly what would it take for you to give prominence to the struggle for gay and lesbian rights? If several hundred thousand people marching in Washington on a slow news day, against the backdrop of a devastating disease which is killing thousands, is not enough to deserve major coverage, exactly what is required? How can gays and lesbians ever win rights or change the political climate which has so long ignored them if we are ignored by the media?

In the future, I plan to switch my national news viewing to ABC, which gave the march top coverage on its evening broadcast of Oct. 11, together with coverage on Good Morning America and Nightline the following day. I also plan to urge my friends in the gay and lesbian community to similarly boycott your news programs until you improve your coverage of gay and lesbian issues.

Frank F. Davis San Francisco

#### Brushed Aside

★ Some time ago, I read an article on tattooing AIDS sufferers. Prepared, I think, by one of the Southern California polling corporations, it brought to mind a few other groups that should be included in this possible list of offenders—late bill-payers as they undermine the economy, jay walkers as they create traffic hazards and cost a fortune keeping otherwise useful people ill-employed. Politicians who have made or were remotely connected to any form of illegal activities. Anyone showing ignorance in regards to the current polls, herpes sufferers, hepatitis sufferers, those with depression, people with athlete's foot and welfare recipients, we don't want them to ruin our day, do we?

Of course, those who were even hinted at being exposed to the AIDS virus, for whatever reason, or however casually (they only stopped by for coffee), would most likely be considered guilty by association. There would be those reported by well-meaning neighbors and relatives; men, women, wives and children, priests, brothers, the friendly corner grocer, the mailman? All these people, regardless of how they were exposed, could be included in the whole. The list would be endless.

Finally, just think of all the fun to be had as the authorities searched to find these offenders and the many innocents that would get caught up in the insanity. Perfectly normal people like you and me and those who conduct polls.

Can we stand by and let our society brush us aside in a manner given no more thought or compassion than it takes in cleaning up a pile of dogshit? No, get out there and fight and be seen, we are here to stay!

Daniel Twichell

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WE WANT THE BEST AIDS SERVICES IN THE WORLD... San Francisco, already the model for the world in its response to AIDS, faces an ever-increasing strain on its health-care delivery system. As more and more of our people are diagnosed with AIDS or ARC, and as more and more life-extending treatments become available, new funding solutions must be found. We want the new mayor to make AIDS the highest priority of the administration.

WE WANT A LESBIAN/GAY COMMUNITY CENTER... There is a growing need for a center dealing with the myriad of medical, social, cultural, and recreational needs of our community. We want in San Francisco what already exists in Fresno, Vancouver, Los Angeles and elsewhere. We want our own community center, and we want it soon.

WE WANT DOMESTIC PARTNERS LEGISLATION SIGNED INTO LAW... We want full recognition of our relationships. We want a vehicle to register our life commitment to each other, and we want benefits equal to those accorded to heterosexual spouses such as life and health insurance, bereavement leave, and visitation rights. Many California cities have already enacted similar legislation. It's time that San Francisco recognized the legitimacy of Lesbian and Gay relationships.

WE WANT AN END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST LESBIANS AND GAY MEN... There's no excuse for our people having to fear walking on the streets, riding on MUNI, or strolling in the parks. MUNI or the Police Force or both should be shaken up. The next mayor must make it happen.

WE WANT FULL EMPOWERMENT OF LESBIAN AND GAY PEOPLE... We want the new administration to have Lesbians and Gay Men fully integrated into the system at every level of government. We want equal access to the powers that run our city. We want a mayor who listens to us and who helps us achieve our goal, not one who dictates to us.

For many years our community has given its liberal friends the full extent of its support. In return, we must demand their support of us. And when we have a rare chance to elect one of our own to higher office, as in the recent Congressional race, we expect our friends to return the support. As Harvey Milk so often reminded us—we will not be liberated until we ourselves are in positions of power. When push came to shove, only one candidate for Mayor supported the hopes and dreams of Lesbian and Gay people in our effort to send one of our own to Congress.

Stonewall has been fighting for Lesbian and Gay Liberation for thirteen years. Nothing comes before that goal. We've never been dictated to by a party machine, a favored politician, or anyone. We don't make deals, we make demands.

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## Molinari Has Been There For Us



John Molinari

his is an endorsement of John Molinari for Mayor. A man who has been a friend of our community for so long, Molinari has received the support of lesbians and gay men in many elections. It belabors the point to make the case for him again. In most elec-tions, it wouldn't be necessary to state the case for John Molinari, but let me tell you about him and his major opponent, Art

Jack Molinari is in this mayoral race pitted against another candidate with gay support. Art Agnos has based his campaign in our community on the argument not only that he is the better man, but that John Molinari is somehow our enemy. Let's be clear: some in the Agnos camp have designed a calculated and cynical plan to gain the gay/lesbian vote for their candidate by attempting to portray Molinari as an ememy.

Some of the very people who have previously endorsed Molinari with enthusiasm are now asking you to forget the past and to renounce him. The way that the Agnos camp has conducted their campaign is only the latest warning sign that something is not quite right with the picture Agnos has presented to us.

Let me point out a couple of incidents that should never be forgotten. Years ago when Harvey Milk had a good chance at being the first gay man elected to a state legislature, Art Agnos stepped in and used every weap on of the Democratic Party estab lishment in this city to win that seat for himself. Later, when Milk ran for supervisor, Agnos threw his support and his money be-hind a different candidate, attempting to split the gay vote, nearly causing Harvey's defeat.

I can't forget, either, Agnos' failure to endorse Harry Britt when he was struggling to win reelection to the seat on the Board of Supervisors. If ever there was a time for our true friends to stand by us to show that we had a right to an openly gay representative, that Britt election was certainly the time. But, once was certainly the time. But, once again, Agnos turned his back and threw his support to Terrence Hallinan, a member of the same good old boys' club that Agnos himself belongs to.

I recall, too, that Agnos turned his back on Harry Britt's effort this spring to win a seat in the U.S. Congress.

contrast, John Molinari has long been an ally of Harry Britt on the Board. He supported, campaigned, and raised funds for Harry both in his race for supervisor and his near-successful Congressional race.

While Agnos has consistently claimed that he is indeed our "friend," there is one level of friendship that Agnos can't pre-tend, and that is at the most tend, and that is at the most fundamental level of friend-ship—on a personal level of working with us and socializing with us, day in and day out over the years. Simply put, Agnos hasn't been there, and on that level we have to ask: is he really a friend, or just a sometimes-effective advocate? A friend is someone who is there all the time—not just when he or she is running for office.

Jack Molinari has consistent-ly been there. He's comfortable and welcome in our bars, he's been in many of our homes, he's never too busy to help at our fundraisers, and he's been to our social events. We've been in his office many times and we've been in his home many times. Art Agnos pokes fun at John and Louise Molinari's frequent visits to gay bars. But the fact is, Molinari is comfortable with gay peo-ple wherever he goes and they are comfortable with him.

In contrast, Art Agnos hasn't been there. Most members of our community could count on one hand the number of times they have ever laid eyes on Agnos. Those occasions were usually around election time. Agnos has lived with his family in Sacramento for the past ten years and only this summer moved back to the city after deciding to run for mayor. They can ridicule John Molinari for his outreach to gays and lesbians if they like, but the fact remains, Molinari has been there and Agnos has not.

That is the reason Moliari has the broadest cross-section of support from our community. He has been endorsed by three gay political organizations, ranging from Democrats to Republicans to independents. In addition, Molinari has twice received the majority from the city's largest Demoity from the city's largest Demo-cratic club, and has won the endorsement of the city's two gay weekly newspapers. Molinari's endorsement list carries over 500 names in the gay and lesbian community, including that of Sup. Harry Britt and such re-spected lesbian/activists as Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, and Carole Migden, chair of the County Democratic Central

In contrast, Agnos has been endorsed only by the Milk Democratic Club.

The gay and lesbian community does not need an aloof, selfproclaimed hero as its mayor. In John Molinari, our community not only has a friend, but a friend whose election will allow us for once to be the beroes of our own cause. Join me in voting for John Molinari as mayor on Nov. 3.

residential candidate Paul Simon in town making a lot of new friends in our community this week. Unless Mario Cuomo gets in the race at the last minute, Simon looks to be a serious contender. Rep. Barbara Boxer endorsed the Illinois senator this week.

Meanwhile, the GOP's George Meanwhile, the GOF's George
Bush was in town this week to
pick up the endorsement of a
number of Republicans, including that of arts patron
Louise M. Davies.

With the Giants losing earlier in the evening to the Cardinals, many viewers had seemingly had many viewers had seemingly had their fill of television. The viewer ratings of last week's television mayoral debate were at an all-time low (7 percent). Everyone has his/her own ideas of who, if anyone, won the debate. But more than a few I spoke with seemed to agree that the Bay Guardian's Tim Redmond was certainly out of place with the three profes-sionals on the panel of reporters. Redmond made no secret of his dislike of Molinari. His loaded questions and his nervously flicking tongue reminded me of William F. Buckley in a pony-tail.

Jeane Kirkpatrick will reportedly announce her can-didacy for the GOP presidential nomination this week, hoping to somehow secure the veep spot on the Republican ticket.

There are apparently no lesbians in Art Agnos' San Francisco. The candidate's "Look how wonderful—I-am", book never once mentions the word "lesbian." Gays fare somewhat better, however. He finally gets the word with once when the word with the second state of the second state of the word with the second state of the second s out (once) during a reference to his hated USS Missouri.

Former Gov. Jerry Brown said last week that he will endorse none of the Demo presidential candidates. He says he is too busy writing a book, practicing law (Continued on page 12)

## national & world news

## Illinois Gov. Signs Quarantine Law

SPRINGFIELD, IL—Gov. James Thompson signed into law Sept. 21 some of the toughest AIDS legislation in the U.S. Included in a package of 17 bills were measures for public education, patient care, quarantine, and mandatory testing. Thompson vetoed compulsory contact tracing but signed bills providing quarantine; required HIV testing for marriage license applicants and those convicted of sex crimes; voluntary contact tracing; and limited AIDS education in public schools.

Illinois Senate Bill 651 authorizes the Illinois Department of Public Health to isolate persons and quarantine places suspected of spreading AIDS. A court order is required for health officials to act. Mandatory contact tracing was deleted from the final version of the bill. Rights leaders pointed out that the law could be used to close gay bars.

Thompson said that S.B. 651 "represents the foundation and centerpiece of the Illinois AIDS policy package."

The governor also signed a measure by Rep. Penny Pullen, a member of Pres. Reagan's AIDS commission, that requires marriage license applicants to be tested for HIV antibody. The bill also requires the testing of some prisoners. But Thompson vetoed sections making contact tracing mandatory and requiring health care workers who are HIV positive to identify themselves to their employers.

Pullen said she may try to override the vetoes on portions of her legislation.

Thompson also vetoed as too costly bills providing for education and prevention. One bill that he approved limits AIDS education to teaching that safe sex means abstinence until marriage.

A bill to abolish anonymous testing entirely was vetoed by the governor.

Al Wardell, of the Illinois Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said that his organization "will protest vigorously if the [health department] tries to implement this act;" referring to the quarantine law.

Illinois state Rep. Ellis Levin told Chicago Outlines, "There is no commitment to people with AIDS" in any of the legislation approved. Levin had authored legislation to establish patient care programs cut out by the governor.

Among the legislation signed by Thompson were two bills that establish confidentiality for HIV test results. The laws require informed consent prior to testing individuals for HIV. The testing of all hospital patients for HIV was among the measures the governor vetoed.

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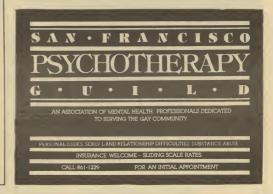
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#### Helms Tries To Kill D.C. Bias Ban

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) has called for withholding the entire budget for the District of Columbia for fiscal year 1988 unless the city council repeals an ordinance banning discrimination in insurance. Helms introduced his measure Sept. 30 to get rid of the local ordinance that prohibits insurers from testing for HIV as part of life, health disability insurance applications. The ordinance also prohibits insurers from refusing policies to those who have tested positive for HIV.

Although the amendment was approved by voice vote, it is expected that the conference committee, to iron out differences between the House and Senate versions of legislation that Helms' measure was attached to, will kill

the provision.

Rights leaders had expected that Helms would introduce his amendment—he's tried twice before—but they were disappointed that the Democrat controlled Senate did not defeat the measure.

Since the law's enactment in May 1986, most major insurance firms have reportedly stopped offering life and health insurance in Washington, D.C. Industry representatives have said that "local citizens" may push for a ballot referendum on the ordinance.

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"Virtually every nursing home in Minnesota within 75 miles of Duluth has refused to accept an AIDS sufferer," said HRC department commissioner Steven Cooper.

The homes' refusal to admit people with AIDS violates state

law against discrimination on the basis of physical disability, Cooper told Equal Time, a Minneapolis gay newspaper.

Cooper said he may ask for an injunction ordering the facilities to admit people with AIDS. They also could be liable to criminal charges, civil lawsuits, and loss of their state licenses. Federal funds could also be threatened.

Nursing home administrators have claimed that their staffs are not trained to care for AIDS patients. They also have said that state reimbursements for AIDS care does not cover the costs of

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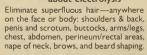
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## **Protest**

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Fortunately, Jim and I located a friend of his, Reid, who was the a friend of his, Reid, who was the support person for an affinity group from San Francisco called A More Perfect Union. Even though they had all undergone training and had previously agreed to be a closed group, they allowed me to join. The ten of us lived arm; in called rit. linked arms in solidarity.

At a nine o'clock rally, speakers stated our purpose and proclaim-ed, "Today we are sitting in at the lunch counters of the gay and les-bian civil rights movement." Then the first wave of protestors surged across the street to the cheers and cries of thousands.

Pressed by hundreds of spec-tators, photographers, and fellow protestors, only half our group managed to cross the police barricades on the steps of the court. The others were held back by the

Retracing our steps, we reunited and sat down just outside the barricades. There we chanted the words chiselled in stone above us—"Equal Rights Under us—"'Equal Rights Under Law'"—and sang the songs, "We Shall Overcome," "America the Beautiful," and "We Are a Gen-tle, Loving People." Some pro-testors threw pink triangles like confetti into the air. Others wav-ed banners reading "Civil Rights or Civil War" and "The Whole World is Watching."

or hours we sat, waiting our turn to pass through the opening to the other side of the barricades. Mean-while, in the crowd we spotted Michael Hardwick, the man whose court battle was largely responsible for this demonstration. Ĥis presence was inspirational.

Nevertheless, the wait was tedious and the steps were cold. Finally, frustrated and tired, we followed a group called the United Fruit Company of Boston and marched around the building to the poorly defended north



Civil disobedience is no easier than it looks (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

entrance to the court. Shouting "No violence" and "Don't run" to other protestors, we made our way to the steps and sat down.

Immediately the police arrived and told us to move. "We had an agreement with you people that you'd be arrested on the front steps," they said. We replied that this was an act of civil dis-obedience, not a tea party, and refused to budge.

The Fruit Company waved yellow gloves and matching purses, mimicking the police, who wore similar gloves to protect them-selves from infection. Finally, after warning us twice to disperse, the police arrested us. Some of us chose to walk to the processing area. Others practice and possible registration and the same and the same area. ed passive resistance and were carried or dragged.

After being handcuffed (with plastic straps), photographed (by amateurs), and tagged (my number was 509651), we were led onto a nearby bus. Six of our group was placed on this bus. We lost

track of the others, who were elsewhere. Once inside, I couldn't help noticing a sign above the door ordinarily intended for pickpockets and muggers: "This bus is under police surveillance." I was not the only one to appreciate the irrow. ciate the irony.

Because the city's holding facility was by this time full, the police had no idea where to take police had no idea where to take us. For over two hours, we sat on the bus. At first, we were a rowdy and boisterous bunch. Some of us protested that our handcuffs were too tight. "But you're prisoners," said the police, implying that we should act like it.

Others objected to the handling of two passengers, who were taken off the bus following two dramatic incidents. One person fell and inadvertently broke a window. Another, a deaf lesbian, window. Another, a deal testibal, fainted. Many on the bus insisted on viewing the police as the enemy and suspected every move. Others argued that this was not Chile and that the vast majority of police had been decent so far.

About two o'clock, our bus departed, the first of a convoy headed toward the Police Academy across the river in southwest emy across the river in southwest D.C. There, temporary facilities were prepared to house and process us in the Academy gymnasium. As we pulled away behind a motorcycle escort, we heard cheers from the crowd still assembled in the park.

At the Academy, we were kept on the bus for another two hours. Fortunately, the police took pity on us and removed our hand-

One of our group threw a mes sage to a spectator. "Find our support person," we shouted. "Tell him where we're going."

## Friday

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and investing his money planning an eventual political comeback. "I'm not permanent-ly retired . . . I hope," he said.

Saying that "Agnos would be Saying that "Agnos would be a disaster—his whole platform is for more spending and therefore promotes higher taxes," Jim Peron, chair of the San Francisco Libertarian Party announced this week that he is voting for John Molinari on election day.

So, the Giants didn't make it to so, the Giants didn't make it to the World Series. There's always next year, and yes, I am still voting for the Downtown Baseball Stadium (Prop W), and I hope you are too.

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cuffs. They also led us, in groups of four, into the building for bathroom breaks. In the gym, we saw hundreds of other protestors, including the rest of our affinity group. They cheered each group of potty people.

of potty people.

a canwhile, on the bus, the mood of the protestors mellowed. Some of us, punchy for lack of food and rest, passed the time by making animal noises, playing condom toss, holding pull-up contests, giving massages, and exchanging recipes. Others took it upon themselves to educate our police guards by holding seminars in AIDS transmission and safe sex practices.

By the time we were taken in-By the time we were taken inside, various officials had explained the charges against us—
"refusal to obey police orders and crossing police lines;" both misdemeanors. We were also told that we had three choices—to offer and forfeit \$100 collateral; to post bail and agree to reappear at a later date; or to wait for ar-raignment within 24 hours. The first two choices would result in our release. The consequences of the third choice were unclear.

Most of our group decided to plead guilty at arraignment rather than to pay into the system by forfeiting collateral.

Some also refused to give their Some also refused to give their names, in order to disrupt the system as much as possible. Many men called themselves Harvey Milk or Michael Hardwick. Many women took the name Sharon Kowalski, after a disabled lesbian whose parents have refused her lover visitation rights.

With one other member of the group, I chose to forfeit \$100. I would rather have stayed with my friends and pleaded guilty, for I wanted to see this thing through to the end. But my sisters, who didn't want me to participate in the first place, were worried about me. Besides, I only had a limited amount of time to spend with my family in D.C.

Fortunately, my excuses were unnecessary, for the other mem-bers of the group supported each individual decision. Gratefully, I individual decision. Gratefully, I promised to keep track of them when I was released early Tuesday evening. Outside the gates of the Academy, support people offered food and supplied a ride to the nearest Metro station. After providing what information I could about the people still inside, I stumbled into bed, exhausted, at ten.

In all 840 protestors were ar-

In all 840 protestors were ar-In all 840 protestors were ar-rested, the largest number of peo-ple ever arrested at the Supreme Court. Although the processing went on until 2:30 a.m. in order to arraign those who did not pay collateral or post bail, 111 people still spent the night in jail. Most who pleaded guilty were fined \$50 plus \$10 court costs. Others elected to serve jail time instead. Still others pleaded not guilty.

Many made brief statements Many made brief statements before being sentenced. One man told the judge he was tired and hungry. When the judge said he could well understand it, the man replied, "'I'm tired of being beaten on the streets and hungry for equal justice under the law."

This time, no one cheered, for this would have resulted in his or her explusion from court. But more than a few smiling faces expressed great pride.

I returned to San Francisco two days later with a pair of plastic handcuffs and a pink col-lateral receipt as souvenirs. I also returned with a sense of accom-plishment and satisfaction. When friends at home question-ed the demonstration's effec-tiveness, I replied that sometimes we have to do what we feel is right regardless of the consequences. In this case, our efforts were successful. Media coverage was extensive and, for the most part, positive.

Besides, I continued, this was only one of the methods we chose



These two men whiled away the time after they were handcuffed by kissing (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

to promote our goals in Washington. We also lobbied, marched, and, above all, quilted. With the civil disobedience, we covered all bases.

I have no illusions that the arrest of over 800 people on Oct. 13, will bring immediate changes.

But it might alert some people to our passion and commitment. And my own particular arrest, by confirming my belief in non-violent resistance, might prevent me from throwing rocks at gov-ernment buildings in the near future. For that, my sisters, the

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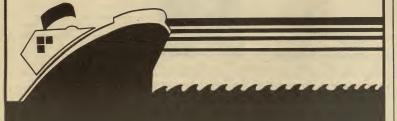
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## **Chamber Apologizes** For Olympic Promo

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce caught a case of jock itch recently. The chamber went to bat for the U.S. Olympic team. But some chamber members cried foul, and the chamber learned there were more players in the game than they thought. And not all of the players were on the team.

On Oct. 7, the local business group sent out a letter to Chamber of Commerce members soliciting contributions to send the U.S. Olympic Team to the summer games in Seoul, South Korea, in 1988. "It is only for very important purposes that the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce officially endorses a fund-raising effort and gets behind it," said the letter.

After explaining that the U.S. team gets no government support and must solicit private donations to pay its way, the chamber's letter said, "we urge you to make a tax-deductible con-tribution to the 1988 Olympic Team yourself and encourage all of your associates to do the same."

The letter included a toll-free phone number to call to "make your pledge." The effort was part of a fund drive sponsored by Cel-lular One, an auto telephone service, and was to culminate in a "flight of seven colorful hot air balloons" on Oct. 13.

But the hot air started flying earlier. Some gay members of the Chamber of Commerce express ed displeasure at this support for the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC). The USOC, after all, had only recently tried to seize the home of the late Dr. Tom Waddell as part of its successful effort in preventing the Gay Games from being called the "Gay Olympics."

#### 'INSENSITIVITY'

The Chamber's director, John Jacobs, did a fast sprint back-wards. "It was part of our insen-sitivity," Jacobs said. "We just didn't make the connection at

Jacobs said that the chamber was not conducting a fund drive

for the USOC. The chamber had been asked for some help for this one event "and that's what we're doing," he said.

As for any further efforts on behalf of the USOC, Jacobs said, "You've seen our only effort." Any more in the future? "I don't think so," he said.

Jacobs was unreserved in his apologies to the gay and lesbian community. "We didn't mean to offend the gay community," he said. "We need the gay community to be members of the chamber. We're belatedly sensitive to the community.

He complimented Tom Waddell for "helping his community join the mainstream where we all belong.

The U.S. Supreme Court and the USOC both struck out with Jacobs. The court decision deny-ing use of the word "Olympics" by Gay Games was "not very bright. It was foolish. The denial of the Gay Olympics seems dis-criminatory in the extreme," said Iacobs.

Meanwhile, Visa continued to feel the full court press of wrathful gays and lesbians as hundreds cut up their cards in protest of the credit card company's pledge of monetary support for the USOC.

Boston publisher Sasha Alyson reported this week that he had collected more than 200 Visa card pieces which he has made into a pro-Gay Games mosaic.

"Every day three or four more cards come in," said Alyson. "It's been a steady stream. It shows no sign of letting up."

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## KPIX's 'AIDS Lifeline' Will Air Nationwide

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Channel 5's "AIDS Lifeline" campaign will be syndicated nationwide, with all production and distribution costs borne by Westinghouse Broadcasting parent corporation of KPIX. Tom Goodgame, president of Group W Television, announced Tuesday that license fees generated by the project will be donated to AIDS caregiving organizations. He predicted that eventually generated by the national effort would top \$1 million.

The "AIDS Lifeline" project was originated in 1983 at Group W station KPIX in San Francisco, and was the first ongoing local television effort in the country to educate the public about the dis-ease and means of prevention.

Since its inception, KPIX's "AIDS Lifeline" has been honored with a 1986 Peabody Award, the 1986 National Emmy Award, the 1986 National Emmy Award for Community Services and numerous local awards. In 1985, the "AIDS Lifeline" project was extended to the Company's Boston station, WBZ-TV, where a similarly intensive effort was initiated, and is still under-

License fees from the national campaign, in the form of charitable contribution, will be based



on size of market, Goodgame on size of market, Goodgame stated. Each television station, including those owned and operated by Group W, will contribute the contracted sum to a local nonprofit AIDS care-giving agency or to the National AIDS Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to AIDS patient care.

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### Ban

(Continued from page 1) budget last week when it added the Helms amendment.

Usually, a difference between Senate and House language would be resolved in the conference committee. By taking a full floor vote, the House underscored its intention to attack gray-flated sefe on information. tack gay-related safe sex informa-

The House amendment was proposed by Rep. William Dannemeier (R-Orange County), considered by many to be the most right-wing—and anti-gay-member of the House.

The congressional action came on the heels of a resolution passed by the California Republican Party calling for the crimi-nal prosecution of group such as the San Francisco AIDS Foundation which have published explicit education materials on safe

The congressional vote came despite mounting evidence that explicit AIDS education material is successful in stopping the spread of the epidemic.

Last week, a University of Chicago study was released which shows the rate of new infec-tion was below one percent for

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gay and bisexual men

Those findings mirror an ongoing survey by the University of California at Berkeley which traces the health status of 1,100

gay, bisexual and straight men in San Francisco. The UC Berkeley

survey shows virtually identical results—a transmission rate

below one percent for gay and bi-

Both studies credit the wide use of explicit education materials for contributing to these breakthroughs.

PROVISO IS 'TRASH

But in the Senate debate, charged with inflammatory rhe-

toric and questionable science, Helms said safe sex education materials "perpetuate the AIDS

Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.), who cast one of the two dissen-ting votes, called the Helms amendment "trash." Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.), also opposed

Voting for the Helms measure were California Sens. Alan Cranston, a Democrat, and Re-publican Pete Wilson

Helms took the Senate floor waving comics produced by the New York-based Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). The comics graphically depict safe sex be

tween two men and promote con-

A RUBBER?

YEAH.

Declaring he's no "goody goody two-shoes," Helms nonetheless said, "the subject matter is so obscene, so revolting, it is difficult for me to stand here and talk about it. I may throw

Said Helms, "Many of the experts, self-proclaimed, tell us that the source of the AIDS epidemic is the AIDS virus. That is like saving that the source of a fire set by an arsonist was the match the arsonist used, rather than the arsonist who struck the match and set the fire."



"We have got to establish some priorities," Helms said. "I am old-fashioned enough to say, moral priorities. We have got to call a spade a spade and a perverted human being a perverted human being, not in anger but in realism. Every AIDS case can be traced back to a homosex-

ON THAT BIG

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work by Donelan

Helms said that educational materials should only emphasize "abstinence outside of a sexually monogamous marriage . . . and discourage the types of behavior which brought on the AIDS epidemic in the first place." To do otherwise, he said, would be "adding fuel to a rag-ing fire."

The GMHC comics were not paid for with federal funds, Helms acknowledged. But the North Carolina Republican said other GMHC-safe sex programs did get federal support.

Speaking against the amend-ment, Weicker said, "We are con-fronted with an epidemic, the likes of which the world has never seen, and we do not have time to get into philosophical, academic or moralistic debates.'

"We better do exactly what we have been told to do by those of science and medicine, which is, No. 1, put our money into research and, No. 2., put our money into education," Weicker

"This is what we have done traditionally. Whatever the ailment or the hurt was, we did not ask how you got it. If you hurt, if you are down, if you are sick, this nation has traditionally gone to your side without asking any questions."

## **Health Officials** Condemn Ban On Sex Info

Spokespeople for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation rancisco AIDS Foundation and the city Department of Public Health reacted critically Tuesday to the congressional ban on gay-related safe sex publications.

"This action is in blatant disregard of public health knowledge and science. In order to save lives, we must talk about sex in direct language," said Holly Smith of the AIDS Foundation.

"It's not a matter of 'condoning' anything—it's a matter of saving lives,' Smith said. 'Apparently, they are not interested in saving lives.'

The associate director of health for the city, Dr. Tom Peters, said, "This health department strongly contends that language should be explicit enough. That's the language we need to use. It's got to be blunt. We can't be using Latin derivatives. We have to speak in the language of the people we try the language of the people we try to reach."

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Said Weicker, "This education process has been monkeyed around with long enough by this administration. Every single fact should be out there on the table now, and education, indeed, is the most effective weapon we have against the spread of this virus."

"I am not equipped to pass moral judgment on my neighbors," Weicker said. "I go by a very simple criterion: If somebody is ill, then they deserve the help of their government. Period, over and out."

#### A GIMMICK?

The safe sex comics were strongly defended by officials of GMHC. Deputy Director Tim Sweeney said, "Senator Helms and his colleagues seem willing to put lives in danger to protect their sensibilities."

Sweeney quoted an admonition of Surgeon General C. Everett Koop that "delicate feelings must give way to public health imperatives."

According to Laurie Behrman, a GMHC spokeswoman, the comic book format was exploited by Helms as a public relations gimmick. She said that all explicit safe sex materials are under attack and are in jeopardy of being defunded.

Overshadowing the congressional debate was the spectre of 1988 election-year politics. The Senate, now controlled by Democrats, has switched hands twice since 1980. With the memories of diminshed power still fresh in the memories of Democrats, they are anxious not to revert to minority status.

Both Helms and Weicker

alluded to the upcoming partisan fights during the debates. Helms said the vote on his amendment was part of a "legislative history" which presumably could be used in an election.

Weicker observed, "I know the temptation of an amendment such as this. The temptaion is to duck. We do not want to be accused of supporting materials that are referred to in this comic book."

"The comic book has nothing to do with the issue at hand. Nobody is defending that material and yet that can be the implication when a year from now people see a dry voting record," Weicker said.

#### WILSON AND CRANSTON

One of those who ducked was Sen. Pete Wilson, who may face a strong challenge next year in the primary or general election.

According to Wilson press secretary Bill Livingston, the Senate was swayed both by the use of the comic book format and the graphic nature of the illustrations, which Livingston calls "pornographic."

"There are certain ways you can talk clinically about ideas that are not perceived to be in poor taste," Livingston said. "There are certain aspects of a diagram that are not acceptable. We don't need the explicitness of the material."

Cranston defended his vote, saying, "federal funding should not be used to advocate sexual activity of any kind, homosexual or heterosexual, or a particular lifestyle. In my view, the federal government should be neutral on the issue of lifestyle."



Cartoonist Donelan was in San Francisco recently with his poster for the Names Project (Photo: Rink)



Murray Flander, Cranston's press secretary, elaborated that Helms had helped to create a volatile political climate which made the amendment "difficult for any Senator to vote on."

The ambiguity of the measure poses hazards. One of Helms' goals is the eventual defunding of GMHC and similar groups. He pointedly noted that claims the comics were not funded with federal grants were, in his view, disingenuous.

Helms said that bank accounts were "juggled" artificially so that it was impossible to determine "which dollars went for what purpose. It is a shell game," he said. Ultimately, the amendment would be implemented by officials of the Reagan administration, most of whom are on record opposing the publication of safe sex materials. Any group using such material could find all of its federal grants shut off.

Steve Morin, an openly gay aide to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-S.F.), noted that federal grant-makers "would have a hard time making a grant to many agencies that currently receive funds." Pelosi opposed the Helms amendment, Morin said.

Seven Years of the AIDS Crisis: President Reagan's Initial Budget Request For Overall Spending on AIDS For Each Year, and What Congress Wound Up Allocating

	Reagan's Budget Request	Research Funds	
1981	0	0	
1982	0	\$ 5.6 mil.	
1983	0	28.7 mil.	
1984	\$ 39.8 mil.	61.5 mil.	
1985	60.5 mil.	109.2 mil.	
1986	126.0 mil.	233.8 mil.	
1987	203.4 mil.	410.7 mil.	

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#### DEMANUE

#### Wayne Douglas Quinn Ian. 31, 1941 - Oct. 2, 1987

There will be a memorial retrospective on October for Wayne Douglas Quinn from 2-5 p.m. at 91 Henry Street in San Francisco.

#### David Sutton

Some will remember David as having been elected Mr. and Mrs. Gay San Francisco in 1976, both at the same time.

Many others will remember David as Daramis, the very first "Mr. Boot Camp."



David (born Feb. 2, 1950), moved to San Francisco 15 Francisco 15 years ago and has been loved by every diverse community here

I will remem Der David as Diane, but all whoremember David will remember the wonderful person he was in every character. David

David suffered for a year with AIDS, and died a very slow painful death with more courage than I have ever seen. He died Oct. 15.

Thanks to everyone at 5A. There will be a small memorial Oct. 23, 6 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer (18th & Diamond). All friends welcome. We'll be missing you, Lady Di!

#### Maurice Quellette

Maurice Ouellette, Canadian creation who hit Boston frustrations yet found his heart in San Francisco, met his fate in a first time AIDS experiment in Canada on

At 34, born Jan. 15, 1953, he left his laughs about life, his dreams, friendships graphically controlled, yet emotionally

"Why the pink belt?" with pouted lower lip, "smack."

A spark, "Touched" a lot of people, 4 uns, a sad caricature, a mush mouse, ver changing emotion.



for what he already gave up. Always "cat-like" and landing on his feet.

As Maurice would say: legs tightly folded, left oot swinging, and — gayly

placed with ciga ette, head slightly cocked, "Well, there ou have it."

Creating lines of emotion, Mrs. Beasley, Peanut butter on toast, bananas (potassium fix), the pyramid of many shades.

Thanks, Maurice for being here and being part of our lives. We will miss your quiet understanding.

quet understanding.

Compiled on Oct. 14, the day Karen,
Alan and Shiela should have picked you
up at the airport, coming home to San
Francisco. We know your spirit is here.

Thanks to the AIDS Foundation, Shan ti, AIDS Emergency Fund and affiliated

#### Johnny Campbell

The struggle with AIDS ended for Johnny Campbell on the morning of Oct. 13. He joined his brothers who had died before him, Dwayne in 1985 and Jim in 1987, all of AIDS. Peace, however, came earlier for Johnny, when his sister, Frances, came to bring her loving support in the hour of his ultimate need.

Johnny struggled courageously throughout his illness. He maintained his dignity at all times and his playful sense of fun through all but the bleakest hours.



Johnny is survived by his mother, his sister, his two remaining brothers and many nieces and nephews who will sorely miss a favorite uncle.

Johnny was born and spent his youth in Rich-mond, Indiana. He first came to San Francisco 20 years ago. It was his prin-cipal home from then on, although he liv-ed briefly in Indianapolis. HAWAII

His family and friends wish to thank the entire staff of Ward 5A in San Francisco General Hospital for all that they did in caring for Johnny and in facilitating his sister's visit.

#### Richard John Loughran, Jr.

Richard, 45, expired in ward 5-A at San Francisco General Hospital where he received extraordinary treatment. He is survived by his sister Peggy Lyons-Zeltzerman and his brother, John, who came from Maine to be with Richard in his last moments. He is also survived by his father and sister Mildred.



Richard arrived in San Francisco in 1978 and adored the city so adored the city so much that he became very ac-tive in civic af-fairs doing volun-teer work for

campaign, and to strengthen city codes. For many years, Rich volunteered his time working at St. dining room, particularly on mathony's dinin jor holidays.

In Boston, he attended Newman Preparatory School and took extension courses at Harvard University.

In 1968, Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson per-sonally presented Richard with the Award of Excellence for his work with the Na-tional Aeronautics and Space Administra-

One of Richard's last wishes was to ex-tend many thanks to Bea Blum, Gail Golden, and Dr. Ian Barlow from Shanti and to the Most Holy Redeemer support group, Father Anthony McGuire, Bill Reese, Russell Schuchardt, and Dr. Fox

Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free!

#### **Toby Birch**

Toby Birch
Toby Birch (6/27/52—10/3/87), a long time resident of San Francisco, succumbed to AIDS-related complications after courageously living with AIDS for eighteen months. Toby moved to San Francisco in the early 1970s after attending Indiana University, He became a well-known and much loved member of the Castro community.



Toby left San Francisco in 1985 to study in Phoe-nix and moved to Los Angeles after graduating from the Motorcycle Mechanics Insti-tute. He devel-oped AIDS im-mediately after arriving in Los Angeles and

Angeles and spent the next year helping other PWA's through the Shanti Foundation and Northern Lights Alternatives, the AIDS Mastery.

Mastery.

He was constantly loved and cared for in his last months by his mother, Norma Birch, and his lover, Jon Giloy. He passed away in Jon's arms on Oct. 3. Any contributions in Toby's memory should be directed to either the Shanti Foundation or Northern Lights Alternatives.

#### **Thomas Hoogs**

Thomas Hoogs passed away peacefully Oct. 11 after two weeks of hospitalization for lymphoma.

non tor tympnoma.

He is survived by his lover Mike
Vagner and older brother Woody Hoogs.

He leaves behind
many friends
from his 52 years
mostly in San
Francisco and the
Bay Area.



Tom was an avid supporter of Jon Sims and the San Francisco Band Foundation. He was a regular marcher in the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade.

A remembrance of Tom will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2:30 p.m. at 1220 Ellis St. #4, San Francisco, CA 94109. Call 563-3799 for further information.

#### Thomas Frederick Polka

The horticultural world has experienced a great loss with the death Oct. 1 of Tom Polka from AIDS related pneumonia. He follows his lover of many years, Virgil Muggli, who also died of AIDS complications the year before despite Tom's untiring devotion and care.

Tom and Virgil moved to San Francisco from Minneapolis in 1978. Tom had a B.A. in landscape architecture from the University of Minnesota. He was for



years one of San Francisco's leading plastic sign fabricators at Bromfield Sign Co. where he could indulge his

could indulge his passion for neon.
A past president of the local Gesneriad Society, he and Virgil contributed much to that organization as well as being active in Cal Hort, the African Violet, Bromeliad and Orchid Societies.

Bromeliad and Orchid Societies.

Tom's friends will miss him for his bubbly personality, his willingness to lend a hand for his incredible knowledge of plants (who will Jon Dixon talk gesneriads with now?), for his kindness and generosity. We have lost a master grower, a fine craftsman and a good friend. A memorial service was held for him Oct. 15 at the Columbarium in San Francisco.

He is survived by his parents, Colleen and Frederick, and brothers and sister neil, Bob and Cheryl, and many friends.

#### Peter Hawkins

Peter Hawkins, born March 23, 1937, passed away Sept. 29 after his brave strug-gle with AIDS for over one year. He will always be remem-

always be remembered by those who loved him and by the countless customers he served during his 16 years as a bartender throughout San Francisco.

His lover of His lover of seven years, Mario Bendoyro, wants to thank the staff at San Francisco General, and all of his friends, especially Keith and Mark, for their help and support

Peter was cremated and no memorial services were planned as requested by Peter during his final days. Any donations should be made to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

#### Michael R. O'Connor

Michael O'Connor died Oct. 5, at the age of 37 after a six month battle with AIDS. He is survived by his loving parents James and Norma O'Connor of Pacifica, his sister and brother-in-law Michael and Janice Linstedt of Alameda, his aunts Agnes O'Connor and Elsie Adamson, his lover and protector of two



tector of two years, Joseph Mendez, and many friends who ne touched through

years.

Michael, having been born in San Francisco and raised in Pacifica touched many lives in the Bay Area. All who knew him will tell you of his honesty, commitment, and love of life. He will be missed by many. There will be a celebration of Michael's life on Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. Please call Joe (864-571) or Larry (861-0661) for details. Donations to Open Hand, 1668
Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

#### **AIDS Support Group at UCSF**

A special AIDS/ARC support group has started at the University of California Medical Center at Moffitt Hospital. This group is for persons recently diagnosed with AIDS or ARC who are either presently in hospital for treat-ment of related illness or under outpatient care at UCSF

The primary purpose of this group is to allow persons with AIDS/ARC to discuss their problems and to raise questions and to build basic support for one

If you have any questions or are interested in participating or know of someone who might be interested, please call Richard 'Ric' Bornstein at (415) 929-7865 during the daytime hours only (not after 9:30 p.m.).

### WhoWhatWhenWhereWhyWhoWhatWhenWhereWhyWhoWhatWhenWhere

## Hairy Problem: Who's Buried In Milk's Tomb?

Who's buried in Harvey Milk's tomb? That question arose last week after a service at the Congressional Cemetery. The service honored the assassinated supervisor, part of the weeklong series of events surrounding the March on Washington.

An urn said to contain "remains" of the 48-year-old Milk, assassinated in his City Hall office on Nov. 27, 1978, was at the center of the ceremony.

This was a shock to some of the

50 people who scattered Milk's remains off the Golden Gate in early December, 1978. They insisted that all of Harvey Milk's remains were scattered in the water in 1978.

Leonard Matlovich, the gay Vietnam vet who organized the congressional cemetery event, solved the mystery of Harvey's resurrection. "It was a lock of hair saved by his lover, Scott Smith," Matlovich said. Also included in the urn were mementoes, including a gay-rights button and a photo.

#### recipient of all monies raised at the Indian Summer Outdoor Garage Sale event.

Donations of merchandise for the sale are being solicited. All donations to the Castro Lions Club for this event qualify as tax deductible contributions. Merchandise donors should phone Gardner Pond at (415) 626-9081 to arrange for pickup or for urther information.

#### Blood Drive Set For Saturday At Eureka Rec Center

The AIDS Blood Co-op, in conjunction with The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and the Eureka Valley Recreation Center, are asking for help from lesbians and other women. The two organizations will hold a blood drive called ''Arms Against AIDS'' on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Center's Collingwood and 18th St. location. The drive will last from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

a.m. until 4 p.m.

Blood drive officials said they would need volunteer help from gay men. Volunteers are needed to help a few hours with donor registration, canteen work, traffic control, set-up and breakdown. Some medical experience is also needed for volunteers to do donor site prepping and bag. For more information on volunteer work, please call on Thursday or Friday and ask for either Penni at 863-9730 or Lee at 621-2069.

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The first 200 donors will receive free two ounces of Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee



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courtesy of Java Road, an AIDS Blood Co-op founder. There will also be other prize drawings for five massages, videotapes from Metro Video. a hand-made quilt and more. ●

#### Ms Leather Sets Board Meeting

International Ms Leather, Inc., a California nonprofit corpora-

tion, will hold its annual board of directors meeting on Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at 4046 26th Street, San Francisco.

Board vacancies will be filled and directors will be elected.

For further information please contact Sky Renfro at (415) 863-1386 or write to P.O. Box 146504, San Francisco, CA 94114.

#### Castro Lions Club Charity Garage Sale

The Castro Lions Club's Third Annual Indian Summer Outdoor Garage Sale will once again be held in the Market and 14th Street parking lot of the Church Street Station restaurant in San Francisco.

Starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, and running all day, the event promises to be another fun combination of street party and

sale.

According to the Lions Club event chairman, Bill Rowe, there will be a large selection of interesting "costume" clothing for shoppers who may be preparing for Halloween. A refreshment stand will be set up to help make the day a truly one-stop shopping event. And, of course, there will be the traditional assortment of new, used and unusual merchandise available for sale, as well.

Lions Club president Gardner Pond reports that the club has designated the Coming Home Hospice Endowment Fund as the

#### Richards Tapes Available at Shanti

The Shanti Project, San Francisco, has begun to build a tape library for their new facility in San Francisco with a large donation from Mary Richards, founder of Master Your Mind.

"People are beginning to look other places for answers as they discover that traditional medicine's techniques are not the only way to assist those with AIDS," said Terry Davidson, Shanti's information and referral specialist. "Mary Richards' donation of over 48 titles will be made available to staff and patients in the Shanti Project."

Among the tapes that the Shanti Project received are "Making the Transition," "Release Discomfort," "Music for Forgiveness," and "Opting for Vibrant Health in This Age of AIDS."

Mary Richards is nationally known for her relaxation and self-renewal tapes. Her library consists of over 140 programs which Richards developed during the past 10 years. Richards has lectured extensively and has a private practice in Walnut Creek in which she uses deep relaxation to support others in realizing their potential and achievement positive changes in their lives.

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## **BAY AREA REPORTER GREATER BAY NEWS**

#### New Hours For Men's Clinic

The Men's Clinic, sponsored by the Gay Men's Health Collective in Berkeley, is now open every Sunday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. The new hours are designed to be more convenient for men visiting the clinic from all parts of the Bay Area.

The clinic actively promotes safer sex and AIDS education. A continuous informational video program is presented in the waiting room along with educa-tional materials and free condoms. Counseling and referrals are also provided to men with AIDS and ARC concerns. Testing and treatment is provided for the more routine sexually transmitted diseases such as gonnorrhea, syphilis, NGU, lice, scabies, and veneral warts. All services are provided free of charge.

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## Fife's Closes - Maybe for Good As Deal for Hospice Falls Through

Fife's resort at the Russian River has closed, perhaps for the last time as a gay business. A \$1.7 million sale of the resort, a compound of bungalows and campsites in Guerneville, fell through earlier this month. And a proposal to turn what had been the River's largest gay resort into an AIDS hospice has fizzled over logistic concerns.



(Photo: J. Dusch)

Peter Pender, owner and reator of the gay resort—the first major gay resort in the River area—has had Fife's on the market for \$2.3 million.

Fife's will be no more

Pender and Canadian Steve Collins agreed to a \$1.7 million sale which would have closed Oct. 21, but the sale was called off when Collins failed to secure front-money to finance the deal.

Collins discussed with commu-nity business leaders in Sonoma County and San Francisco the idea of transforming Fife's into a non-profit AIDS Hospice and research center.

That plan touched off controversy in Guerneville, with critics citing practical problems to siting a para-medical facility at One problem: The nearest hospitals are both more than 20 miles away, 22 miles to the Sebastopol hospital and 25 miles to the nearest Santa Rosa hospi-

Another concern was the resorts's location in the flood plain of the Russian River. Fife's was swamped during the Russian River floods of 1986.

#### San Jose

## Forum Set On Hospice

As reported two weeks ago, ere is considerable controversy over the organization which was formed to raise money for an AIDS hospice in Santa Clara

At the community meeting held late in September it was agreed to look for a caretaker for funds which had already been raised. A committee of three peo-ple was formed to undertake this

The committee has called a community meeting for Wednes day, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the

DeFrank Center to discuss "organizational strategies for residential services for pwARC/AIDS in Santa Clara County." More information is available in of Phone Sitters, (408) 288-9111.

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n. eminence; repute;

mark of honor bestowed for merit. See: B.A.R.

## **DeFrank Dance** On Saturday

The DeFrank Center is planning a dance this Saturday, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is \$2 per person or \$3 per couple. The Community Center is located at 1040 Park Avenue, in San Jose. For more information call the Center at 408-293-4525.

Halloween is fast approaching and I'll be back next week with information on all the parties and events planned for the Peninsula and South Bay. Till then, STAY PROUD!



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SESQUIPEDALIAN CONFERRAL
(A "Could you speak louder?" Nose)

When all else fails, call on a friend. David Besold wanted in-formation printed about some upcoming event in Reno. He used to be a waiter at a restaurant in Hayward, and knew Ed Paulson nayward, and knew Ed Paulson quite well. He phoned Ed, got a phone number, and called yours truly so I could "put the poop" in the paper, and here it is.

Mr. Gay Reno, Keven Ryan, is Mr. Gay Reno, Keven Ryan, is sponsoring a Shuttle Night on Friday, Nov. 27, in Reno. There will be a 45-passenger bus visiting all eight bars, from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. The bus will rotate among the bars at two-hour intervals, and the passport to board the bus is only \$5. Proceeds from the synusical will go to the Beau of the synusical will go to the synusical will go the synusical will go to the synusical will go the synusical will go to the synusical w the excursion will go to the Reno Gay Hospice. I believe the whole event is in conjunction with the Reno coronation.

David told me that there would be a bartender from each establishment "doing his thing!" No elaboration was extended, so your guess is as good as mine as to just what that actually means. Might be worth a trip up there just to find out.

#### APICAL CONTEMN! (An "Askance" Nose)

At a recent Tavern Guild meeting, held at Big Mama's, one of the speakers was a representative from Fairmont Hospital. During the presentation, some eyes widened noticeably, and mouths fell open in disbelief.

The oratory consisted of plaudits and kudos to Tavern Guild for all the help, assistance, donations, and contributions for the AIDS ward from that organization. A profusion of extolments and laudations was heaped upon Tavern Guild for the telephones, televisions, microwave ovens, embellishments in the wards, and patio flora and furniture.

I sort of understand how Bonnie Mager, from the hospital, could have been misinformed. I also kind of understand the reasoning behind the pacifying and mollifying of Ed Paulson and T&C Sam (as in "let's not make a scene, we'll clear it up later").

But what really disconcerts and dumbfounds me is that Tavern Guild made no move to correct Bonnie, and graciously accepted all the felicitations and eulogizing for all that we (of, by and for) in the East Bay have worked so hard to accomplish. Hell, the first microwave oven was donated by my spouse and me— as individuals. I don't recall Tavern Guild paying for the ser-vicing, picking up and delivering.

To me, it's a slap in the face to Mama Chuckles, Ed Paulson, Lit-tle Mother, the barbecue committee, East Bay Assistance Fund, A.C.I.E., I.S.E., and all the in-dividuals in Alameda County who dreamed, worked, and con-tributed to make Fairmont Hospital AIDS wards what they are

Would that there were a special line to Starr and Jim Harrigan. Maybe they could be convinced to cast a pex so that any future cockamamie of this nature would be eliminated or at least prevented.

It's utter impudence and af-frontery for that organization not to have set the record straight right then and there. I remonstrate that this repugnance is never repeated.



#### CONCERNS OF THE CORTEGE (A Disclosing Nose)

The Imperial Star Empire, Inc., of Alameda County presents FIESTA Investiture '87 of Emperor IX Carlos and Empress IX Tootsi, and the Rings of Saturn Court.

It will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, at Bjornson Hall (2258 MacAr-thur Blvd., Oakland). Doors open thur Blvd., Oakland, Doors open at 4:30 p.m., with the festivities beginning at 5:30 p.m. "It will start on time," said Carlos, "be-cause it's on a Sunday!" "Want to bet?" I snickered!

The \$5 ticket at the door in-The \$5 ticket at the door includes a buffet and live entertainment. Also, there will be a bushel of booze raffle. Tickets will be sold before the event, as well as during, with the drawing held that night. Proceeds from the raffle will go to East Bay Assistance Fund

This coming Sunday, Oct. 25, ISE will sponsor a Pumpkin Carving Contest at Town & Country.

The entry fee is \$5 and the pumpkins will be provided—but the contestants must furnish their own cutting utensils and decorations. Judging will be at 8:30 p.m., and all the sculpted cucurbita will be distributed to various AIDS wards in the East Bay.

This contest is in conjunction with the Dowagers David and Chuck's awards at 7 p.m., also at Town & Country.

The Imperial Star Empire, Inc. has announced its Board of Directors for The Rings of Saturn Court, '87/'88: Ted Taucher, chair; Robert Helon, cochair; Ralph Bittle, secretary; and Hank Chavez, treasurer.

Representative members at large include: Chuck Sheppard, David Montoya, Bill Jimenez, Leroy Selberg, Carlos Vargas, and David "Tootsi!" Facio. The appointed member is yet to be named.

The names of The Rings of Saturn Court members will not be released until just before Fiesta Investiture

On Sunday, Nov. 1, the 222 Club (and "Francine") in San Francisco will host a victory par-ty for Carlos and Tootsi, at

#### OLL A-PODRIDA (A Farrago Nose)

"Just When You Thought It Was Safe To Go Back To Revol" is the theme for Halloween (and is the theme for Halloween (and closing night). Doors won't open until 6 p.m., and anyone not wearing mostly black will be assessed a buck (money to EBAF). Prepare yourself for the reading of the

will, too!

When a group has a gig in Concord, Oakland, and Vallejo (in that order, and all on the same day) and something goes awry causing a delay at the first performance, everything is affected all down the line. The 4 p.m. performance of E.C. Scott and Smoke at Revol, a few Sundays age was postnoped until 6, then ago, was postponed until 6, then 7, then . . . To most, the wait was, as can be expected, well worth it. E.C.'s closing song "almost" made the decision to sell most regrettable.

Pat's re-re-re-re-reiterations of complaints and abuses about the delay made the decision to sell most enjoyable. Little Mother has agreed to hold the Revol Memorabilia Auction at Town & Country on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 4 p.m. She informed me that there would be a buffet served. She does request additional salable merchandise. All proceeds will go to EBAF.

Highlights of the mass meeting of service groups and in-dividuals for people with AIDS/ARC in Alameda County will be presented next issue. The no-shows and non-respondents may (or may not) surprise you.

Oops! Somehow the (my?) computer got the first three digits of the Paradise and the last four digits of the Lake Lounge. To get information on volunteering furnishings or services to B.A.S.H., contact Mama Chuckles at Paradise, 834-1222.

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## BAY AREA REPORTER

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Lesbian Erotica

An Upward Surge In What Used To Be Considered The Worst Possible Taste

by Joy Schulenberg

ntil very recently, the use of the words 'lesbian' and 'pornography' in one sentence had only two probable interpretations.

The first was the portrayal of pseudo-lesbian activities for the titillation of heterosexual males. The second was a complete impossibility. Pornography by lesbians, for lesbians, about lesbians simply didn't exist in any identifiable form. What's more, to express a desire for such materials was in the worst possible taste, grounds for expulsion from your collective and the revocation of your membership as a card-carrying, honest-to-Sappho dyke.

The last decade has seen a gradual change in attitude around graphic depiction of lesbian sexual activity. While it would be unrealistic to say that market for such materials is booming, the demand definitely is surging with enough force to keep Andrea Dworkin awake at night.

Pornographic books, magazines, films, and live shows depicting legitimate woman-to-woman sex are becoming available in increasing quantity and quality. Much of this has to do with a greater understanding by lesbians of their own sexual needs and responses. This awareness has created a niche which enterprising lesbian entrepreneurs are hurrying to fill.

On Our Backs is a glossy, professionally produced magazine that bills itself as "Entertainment for the Adventurous Lesbian." It is the first and, currently, the only publication of its quality available on the market today. Other newsletters and magazines featuring explicit lesbian sexual content lack On Our Backs' slick production and professional quality writing and artwork. Since its appearance in 1984, the magazine has generated considerable interest and, as might be expected, considerable controversy.

"We're open to anything that lesbians really do together," says publisher Debi Sundahl. "And, of course, not every lesbian does everything. There are things that some women really don't like and they're going to criticize us for saying that it's okay for other women to enjoy those activities. I think it's really important for us to cover as much as possible though. There's so much we're still learning about what women enjoy."

A mong the subjects covered by On Our Backs and targeted for criticism from more sexually conservative lesbians have been dildos (Editor Susie Bright offers a regular col-



umn titled Toys For Us), bondage and Sadomasochism, and a category that Sundahl refers to as "genderfuck." This latter is difficult to define, ostensibly referring to material where the physical sex of the participants is obscure, even questionable and secondary to the erotic quality and behavior depicted. It has earned the magazine charges of being bisexually oriented, which

the publishers emphatically deny.

"We are a lesbian publication," asserts Sundahl. "You are not going to find women having sex with men in this magazine. We're not interested in that at all."

What Sundahl and her associates are interested in is opening doors and shedding some light on the dark subject of lesbian sexuality and erotic response. They, like the publishers of other graphically lesbian publications (such as Yoni and Bad Attitude) take the position that not only do lesbians have a right to access explicit materials, but that such materials represent a healthy expression of self-esteem and appreciation for our own sexuality. More than anything, however,

they are trying to entertain.

Written materials and photographs are the easiest kind of erotica to produce and can be mailed almost anywhere the laws permit. For those women who are still shy about admitting an interest in graphic sex, the videos can be scanned in privacy.

In addition to the aforementioned magazines, books by lesbian authors are growing more explicit. Lace Publications, a Denver company, offers a number of titles, all of which are available through mail order. The Throne Trilogy by Artemis Oakgrove may not reach any literary peaks, but it has titillated thousands of lesbians and opened doors of adventure. A more reent Lace publication, The Leading Edge comprises some of the best recent short works by lesbian authors. In addition, it features an extensive analysis of literary lesbian by writer and renegade Pat Califia. With typical bluntness, La Califia states that "Lesbian pornographers are working toward a day when no woman in the world will be ignorant of the fact that another woman can make you slither in your panties."

Whether or not the stories in The Leading Edge make you slither, it is an important work in that it covers a wide variety of sexual tastes and styles between its rather Victorian-looking cover. It shows clearly that lesbians are capable of creating the steamy, the sensuous, the kinky—and doing it well.

hile printed materials are far and away the most prolific sort of lesbian porn available today, the pioneers have not neglected other forms of erotic expression. Sundahl and associate Nan Kinney initially introduced lesbian Burlesque as a way to raise funds for On Our Backs. The shows offered a combination of striptease, dance, and erotic performance, and were immediately successful.

Within the lesbian community, performers like Rock'n Roll Ramona and Pepper have become stars of a new sort. The demand for live performance continued well past the initial fundraisers, spawning weekly performances and some serious competition. Sleek, blonde Rainbeau has evolved her own brand of heady eroticism and attracted an enthusiastic following.

The electronic media also has some offerings worth considering. Once again, Debi Sundahl's Blush Productions proved to be a pioneer. The company moved from publishing to live performance to video. Fatale Films of San Francisco distributes several quality videos, including Burlezk Live! and the amusing, nonexplicit L'Ingenue. Those who

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### STAGE

## Poppies: A Challenge To Lovers And Looters



Two 'Mouldy Heads' comment on life from the grave in Poppies

(Photo: Max

#### by Joseph W. Bean

oppies by Noel Greig, now playing in the Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, is a Ineatre infinite and page 18 deeply affecting play. It challenges warriors and pacifists, lovers and looters, fathers and sons, our time and all time. It demands that what is good and right be actively and consciously chosen over what is facile or convenient. And it says plainly that good and right serve loving commitment rather than psychological comfort.

It's 1989 The leaders of the It's 1989 The leaders of the world are bunkered underground, hiding from the nuclear melee they are about to order. Young people are smashing and burning the city of London. Two older men, gay lovers, go to the top of Parliament — "a bit of the English countryside in the middle of London"—to await The End.

The first sound in the play is a radio broadcast. "There is no cause for alarm." What could be more alarming?

The lovers, played by Nello Carlini (Snow) and Robert Coffman (Sammy), are not alone on Parliament Hill. Two dead men, called Mouldy Heads One and Two, are also there. They are invisible, ineffectual presences in the world of the impending war, serving to murror and amplify serving to mirror and amplify both the hawk/dove and the love/self-interest themes.

On stage, of course, having two pairs of men moving and speak-ing in separate worlds is a tricky affair, but director Nicholas Deutsch does it with ease. Freezing one couple while the other moves, adding a perfectly-timed gesture or reaction from time to time, he interplays the dead and the living so there is never any confusion. This would be a major directorial achievement in itself, but the playwright throws another curve.

In addition to the dead pair and the living couple, Greig brings Sammy's memories of an early affair to life too. The pacifist gay man's memory-self and his remembered lover are liv-ing in 1939, 50 years before the play's present time action. Again, Deutsch and Greg make the intertwining work smoothly.

The final character is the son of Snow the other 1989 lover. He is a rebel, a punk, a criminal, and despite his vicious and confront-ing stance, a sympathetic figure. Just as Sammy's 1939 lover con-trasts memory with life, this son sets "yesterday's" choices in contrast to "today's" results.

The cast for *Poppies* is excellent. R. Michael Fierro and Gary Widlund, as the Mouldy Heads, have an otherworldliness about them which never fades. They play dead but moving characters in the all-encompassing way that actors sometimes have to play apes or aliens in science fiction movies

Todd Meeks plays Hippo, the punk son, to the limit. The audience squirms under his threaten-ing glare. He hauls into his character all the fag-bashers and me-first opportunists of a thousand nightmares.

James Patrick Kennedy and John Lawton, as the young, re-membered lovers, are exceptional. They look as beautiful and in-nocent as love—long lost and fondly recalled—ever can. fondly recalled—ever can. Against his sweetness, they have to develop a doomed affair, and they do it. The kind of courage-ous nobility young love inspires is perfectly played. It asks, but hears no answer: Can age and experience be happy without this deliciously simple idealism?

Carlini and Coffman play the older present-time couple well but not without a few flubs Carlini is especially touching as the man who fathered a family then left them for gay love's sake Coffman's wistful waltzes into memory are sometimes less pro-found than the dialogue suggests they are meant to be. Still, excepting the two or three times when lines go astray, both actors realize their characters fully and

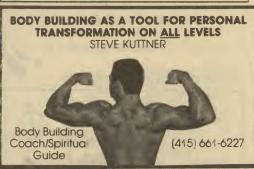
Stephanie Johnson's lighting design is tremendous. It has to be. It guides our attention through the three worlds on stage, taking onto itself the com-plexities, leaving the audience with the feeling that it's all very

Mark Jones' costumes and Pamela Peniston's set are also flawless. The higher budgets that Studio productions have this year obviously allows for more set con-struction and more costume purchases. No one could have made better use of these expanded possibilities than did Jones and Poppies is an excellent play and is extremely well presented. It suffers from only one major flaw: the Studio Rhino space. But, if you bring a cushion to sit on (the chairs are as hard asever)? and a quiet paper fan you'll enjoy every minute of it.

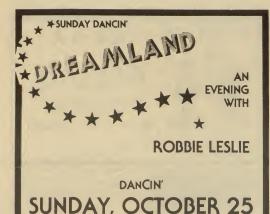
"What's war to do with love?"
a Mouldy Head will ask you. By
the end of the play, you'll know,
and you'll be thinking about it
for a long time to come.











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Danny Williams will have his cake, and Marga Gomez will make sure he eats it, too, when Williams celebrates his birthday with a beer bust at the S.F. Eagle Oct. 23

(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

#### FRIDAY 23

- Danny Williams' Birthday: beer bust, S.F. Eagle, 398
  12th \$t., S.F., 8-11 PM, \$6. With MCs Zack Long and John Casas and performances by the Blazing Redheads, Marga Gomez, Deena Jones, Tommi Rose, Dennis Patkose and Brad Mason, Barry Brady, and Dave Ford. All the beer you can drink plus a 50/50 raffle. Hosted by the California Eagles MC; to benefit the People With AIDS Thanksgiving Dinner and the AIDS Emergency Fund.
- Clean and Sober Pre-Halloween Canteen and Fashion Show: sponsored by the gays of Alcoholics Anonymous, First Congregational Church, Post and Masonsts., S.F., 8:30 PM. \$3-\$7 sliding scale. Childcare available; AA meeting 7-8 PM. To benefit the Living Sober Conference.
- A Tribute to Mel Novikoft: screening of Louis Malle's Au Revoir Les Enfants, Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St., S.F., 7:30 PM, \$7.50, box office opens at 6 PM. Sponsored by Surf Theatre, Orion Classics, and the Sr. Intl. Film Festival. Proceeds go towards a Mel Novikoff
- Can't Keep A Straight Face: comedy, Phoenix The-ater, 301 8th St., S.F., 8:30 PM, call 431-6777 for tickets. With Tom Ammiano, Suzy Berger, Laurie Bushman, Doug Holsclaw, Kelly, Kittell, and Jeanine Strobel. Call 861-5079 for tickets.
- Poppies: stage performance, The Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 8:30 PM, §8. The American prémiere of the play by Noel Greig of the Gay Sweatshop of London, directed by Nicholas Deutsch, about an aging gay couple haunted by loves of the past and the menace of a militalistic future. Call 861-5079
- When Mama Comes, stage performance, Studio Eremos, 401 Alabama St., S.F., 8 PM, \$8. An obnoxious new comedy directed by Dayid Pelligrini and produced by the Rasputin Theater Company about how Mama learns her son's beloved, "Buffy," is another boy. Call-621-8875 for tickets.
- Betsy Rose: music, Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St.,
  S.F., 8 PM, \$5.
- Melonie Miller and Gretchen Koch: music, Sisterspirit Coffeehouse, 1940 Park, Ave, San Jose, doors open 8 PM, concert begins 8:30 PM, \$3-\$7 sliding scale Signed for the hearing impaired.
- Cathy Walkup: music, Teddy Bears, 131 Goven St.
  S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Standards and jazz; dinner served. Call 621-6766 for reservations.
- Sing-A-Long: with Frank Banks on the prano, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-8 PM.
- Lesbians and Other Radicals in Greenwich Village: historical slide show by Judith Schwarz, Women's Building, 3543 18th St., S.F., 7:30 PM, \$5, refreshments. Part of the S.F. Bay Area Gay and Lesbian Historical Society's Visiting Scholar Series.
- Lesbian Passion: Loving Ourselves and Each Other:
  JoAnn Loulan celebrates the release of her new book
  and cassettes, Women's Büilding, 3543 18th St., S.F.
  8 PM, \$10 in advance (Old Wive's Tales and A Woman's
  Place), \$12 at the door.
- Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights: tenth anniversary banquet and installation of officers, Stanford Court Hotel, 905 California St., S.F., cocktails 6:30 PM, dinner 7:30 PM, \$50. Laurens P. White, president-elect of the California Medical Association, will be hondred.
- UC Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association: first annua meeting, Alumni House, UC Berkeley campus, 7-9 PM Officers will be elected; Mary Dunlap will speak; socia will follow, Call 547-2200 for more information.
- Fraternal Order of Gays: rap night, FOG House, 304 Gold Mine Dr., S.F., 8 PM, \$5, refreshments served. Call 641-0999 for more information.

- Black and White Men Together: East Bay rap, 3135 Courtland, Oakland, 7:30 PM. This week's topic is, "Have You Accepted That Death Is A Part of Life?" Call 261-7922 for more information.
- Steps Towards Esteem: retreat, Marin Headlands.
   Sponsored by Diablo Valley MCC. Call 827-2960 for more information.
- Dick Fregulia: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM.
- Church of the Secret Gospel: service, 746 Clementina St., Apt. 2, S.F., 8 PM, \$2. Males 18+ welcome. Call 552-7339 for more information.

### SATURDAY 24

- Minsky's: a salute to 100 years of Hollywood, Cali-fornia Club, 1750 Clay St., S.F., doors open 6 PM, show starts 7 PM, \$10 in advance (Transfer, Men's Room, Kokpit), \$12 at the door. Sponsored by the S.F.G.D.I.
- Masquerade: a masked ball, Kaiser Convention Center Gold Room Auditorium, 10th and Oak sts., Oak-land, 9 PM, \$25. Performance by the S.F. Gay Men's Chorus. To benefit AIDS Project of the East Bay. Call 451-4882 for more information.
- Divine: pre-Halloween party, East Bay, 7 PM. Potluck, videos, prize for best Divine look-a-like. Call 771-5572 for more information
- Harvest Moon Fall Party: sponsored by the Girth and Mirth Club, 39 Hollywood Ct., S.F., 7:30 PM, \$5 members, \$10 non-members. Call 334-5971 for more infor-
- matton.

  \* This Brooding Sky: stage performance, UC Santa Cruz Women's Center (Cardiff House), 2:30 PM, \$4. A lesbian satire of gothic novels by Sarah Dreher, directed by Kate McDelmott, and Sponsored by the 1987 Lesbian Theatre Project of Santa Cruz.
- Can't Keep A Straight Face: comedy (see Friday listing for details).
- Poppies: stage performance (see Friday listing for
- When Mama Comes: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- Ginny Ferris: music, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., no coyer. Call 621-6766 for reservations.
- Mark Levine: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM
- 8:30 PM.

  Arms Against AIDS: blood drive, Eureka Valley Recreation Center, 26 lingwood and 18th/sts., S.F., 10:30 AM-4 PM. First 200 donors regeive 2 oz/Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee; dyawings for massages, videos, and a Arand-made quilt. Donors may designate recipient. 281 863-9730 or 621-2069 for more information, Sponsored by the AIDS Blood Co-op.
- Women's Forum '87: a day of varied seminars sponsored by Bay Area Career Women, Golden Gate University, 536 Mission St., S.F., & AM-6 PM, \$45 members, \$45 non-members, Sally Gearhart will give the keynote address. An event for women. Call 495-5393 for more information.
- Feminist Spirituality for Lesbian/Gay Christians: workshop 2-5 PM, concert 8:30 PM, sliding scale. Childcare available, Sponsored by Dignity/East Bay and Women-Church West. Call 527-5631 or 547-1730 for more information.
- 7th Annual Walt Whitman Readout: reading of Song To Myself to benefit National Poetry Week II, Bldg. D. Ft. Mason Center, S.F., 7 PM, \$2. Call 621-3073 for more information.
- Team San Francisco: meeting, Amelia's, 647 Valencia St., S.F., 10 AM. Nomination and election of board of directors and preliminary recommendations for structure of Gay Games III team, Call 221-8153 for more information.

- EastBay FrontRunners: Marina Green to Ft. Point run. Meet at the intersection of Marina Blvd. and Scott at 9:30 AM. Up to four miles, flat. Call 261-3246 for more
- San Francisco FrontRunners: Meet at Stow Lake Boathouse in Golden Gate Park, S.F., at 9 AM. No-host brunch follows; beginners welcome. Call 647-3227 or 337-8704 for more information.
- Different Spokes/San Francisco: decide and ride.
   Meet at 1 PM at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park, S.F. to decide on a ride.
- Tsunami Car Wash: parking lot of the Church Street Station, noon to 4 PM. Call 221-8153 for more informa-
- Fraternal Order of Gays: game fest, FOG House, 304
   Gold Mine Dr., S.F., 8 PM. Call 641-0999 for more in-
- Steps Towards Esteem: retreat (see Friday listing for details).
- Church of the Secret Gospel: phallic fellowship, 746
   Clementina St., Apt. 2, S.F., doors open 7:30 PM-1 AM.
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- Dreamland: an evening with Robbie Leslie, Harrison at Third Dance Club, S.F., 6 PM-2 AM, \$7. Lights by Greg Fleming.
- Cut-A-Thon: get a haircut and help Shanti, Castro, S.F., 10 AM-4 PM, \$10. Call 777-2273 for more infor-mation.
- Poppies: stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- This Brooding Sky: stage performance, Moraga Hall, UC Santa Cruz (see Saturday listing for details).
- David Canfield: music, The Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 5 PM, \$5. Call 431-0253 for reservations.
- Aldo Antonio Bell: music, The Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 8 PM, \$5. Call 431-0253 for reservations.
- Tropical Breeze: music, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 4-8 PM, cover.
- Variety Show: Bench and Bar, 120 11th St., Oakland 10 PM. Singers, dancers, comedians, and imper-
- Faith Winthrop and Gus Gustavson: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM.
- The Year of Fears: David Watmough will read from his new novel about being gay in the Bay Area in the '50s, Walt Whitman Bookshop, 2319 Market St., S.F., 7 PM.
- Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders: tea dance and social for lesbians (60+) and friends, 30th Street Senior Center, 225 30th St., S.F., 3-6 PM, donations ap-preciated. Call 626-7000 for more information.
- Gay Volleyball: playground at Petro Jr. High, 19th and DeHaro, 11 AM.
- Different Spokes/San Francisco: decide and ride.

  Meet at MacLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park, S.F., at 10 AM to decide on a ride.
- Tsunami Masters Swim Team: practice, King Pool, Third and Carroll sts., S.F., 10 AM to noon. Call 285-5659 for more information.
- Are You Concerned About AIDS?: commit a month to health, sponsored by the Integral Yoga Institute, two full-day sessions and three evening sessions on consecutive Sundays beginning Oct. 25, \$60, meals included, partial and full scholarships available. Call 821-1117 for more information.



Joann Loulan will celebrate the publica tion of her book, *Lesbian Passion: Loving Ourselves and Each Other,* Oct. 23 at the Women's Building (Photo: I. Young)

### **MONDAY 26**

- Alex Chilton and Scruffy The Cat: music, I-Beam, 1748 Haight St., S.F., doors open 9 PM, show starts 10:30 PM, cover.
- The Buddy Connection: safe-sex workshop for gay and bisexual men, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7-10 PM. Sponsored by the S.F. AIDS Foundation. Call 863-AIDS for more information.
- S.F. Jacks: cretan Halloween, 890 Folsom St., S.F., doors open 7:30-8:30 PM, \$6.

#### TUESDAY 27

- Concerned Republicans For Individual Rights; annual dinner, Ferry Plaza Restaurant, S.F., cocktails 6:30 PM, dinner program 7 PM. CRIR celebrates its 10th anniversary with speaker Ed Zschau and Republican State Party Chairman Bob Naylor. Call 826-6216 or 641-0791 for more information.
- Catch A Rising Star: open mike, B Street, 236 S. B ..., San Mateo, 9 PM. Call 348-4045 for more informa-
- The Year of Fears: David Watmough will read from his novel about being gay in the Bay Area in the '50s, Printer's Inc., 310 California Ave., Palo Alto, 8 PM.
- Gus Gustavson: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F.
- Gay Men's Sketch Class: 301 8th St., Rm. 206, S.F., \$10. Life-sized (fiberglass/plaster body sculptures by Richard Bauer and Jose Corrales will be used. Call 621-6294 for more information.
- Egg Yolk Lectthin, Membrane Fluidization, and Human Immunity: with comments by Parris M. Kidd, Ph.D., of Huber-Kidd Biomedical Consulting, on Organic Germanium Sesquioxide, Co-Enzyme Q-10, and other immune-enhancing therapies, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7:30 PM.

### WEDNESDAY 28

- Judy Hall: open mike cabaret, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F., 9 PM, no cover. Call 621-6766 for reser-
- That Petrol Emotion: music, I-Beam, 1748 Haight St., S.F., doors open 9 PM, show starts 10:30 PM, cover.
  Dick Fregulia: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F.,

- Open Mike Cabaret: with Katibelle Collins and Lauren Mayer, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-8 PM.
- Night Workers Anonymous: social and support group for gay men, 261 Fell St., S.F., 11 AM. Call 357-0500 for more information.
- Ballroom Dance: beginning instruction for lesbians and gay men, 3435 Army St., Studio 204, S.F. 8:30-10 PM, \$1. Call 431-4883 for more information
- Wednesday Matinee: sponsored by Operation Concern's Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders and North of Market Senior Services, 333 Turk St., S.F., 2:15-4 PM. Movies, games, and refreshments. Call 626-7000 for more information.
- Women's Writer's Workshop: for older lesbians (60+) and their friends, Operation Concern, 1853 Mar-ket St., S.F., 6-8 PM. Sponsored by Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders. Call 626-7000 for more information.

### THURSDAY 29

- Mark Zerga: music, Teddy Bears, 131 Gough St., S.F. no cover, food served. Call 621-6766 for more informa
- Feathers 'N Flesh: male dancers and female impersonators, N'Touch, 1548 Polk St., S.F., 10 PM. Desiree will MC.
- When Mama Comes: stage performance, \$7 (see Friday listing for details).
- Gus Gustavson: music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 PM.
- Open Mike Comedy: with Darlene Popovic and friends, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-9 PM.
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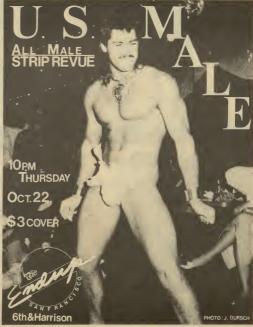
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#### STAGE

'When Mama Comes'

## **Play Explores Coming-Out Process**

by Joseph W. Bean

an Stein's When Mama Comes, now playing at Studio Eremos, is a very enjoyable comedy with a very pointed message. The story works well, carrying an eloquent plea for parents to accept their gay adult children. In fact, if you've been wondering how to go about coming out to your own parents, here's your chance. Take Mom and Dad to see When Mama Comes.

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The set-up is simple: Tom and Buffy are going to be married. Buffy s mother is quite pleased about it. Tom's mother, who has been invited, doesn't yet know that Buffy is a man, but she will have to know before the big day. Tom and Buffy's neighbor and co-worker, Gina, thinks she could straighten Tom out, if she could just get Buffy out of the way. From there the complications of plot range back and forth through all sorts of farcical, melodramatic, and soap-operatic elements. And there are lots of laughs, despite the basically serious tone of the problem posed by Tom's predicament and his mother's all-too-predictable reactions.

The gem in the generally very good cast is Muriel Paule who plays Buffy's sympathetic mom. Even though she has some of the hardest speeches—general expositions about how parents can and must accept their grown children for what they are—she



Douglass Christensen

manages to endow every line with the qualities of her character. The drama doesn't stop for the sake of the message with Paule who gets the didactic passages.

Douglass Christensen is a good Tom, and Shirley Lynn Jones plays Gina very well, too. Matthew A. Carper, in the thanklessly tiny role of the waiter in a single scene, does a fine job. But, Buffy, played by John McKenzie, and Mother Rose, played by Barbara Van Dermeer, wobble around at times, more than a little uncertain of their characters. Presumably, the characters will firm up as the production continues, but there are other problems.

The greatest weakness in When Mama Comes is the director, David Pellegrin. He seems to have no idea of how to shape and pace a drama, how to give comedy room to be funny, or how to prune developing performances into believable characters. The show runs from beginning to end as if a metronome were ticking the whole time, never picking up either tempo or spirit for the seenes of conflict or for comic

Gina and Rose are both shoved through shifts of attitude and personal presentation which are either Pellegrini's fault—as I suspect—or, at the very least, his responsibility. Granted, these same two roles are also the ones Stein has left least polished, but that doesn't excuse a failure to direct.

The play's problems, to the extent that they can be laid at the playwright's doorstep, are mainly speeches that probably served to define and mold the show in the early stages of the writing, but which should long since have been cut out. The most glaring example of this is a surprise pronouncement about her own history made by Gina. The whole exposition should simply be moved out of the play and into the "playwright's perspective" of the character, a note to be read by the director and the actress, but not shared with the audience.

Buffy delivers another of these background speeches which we, the audience, should only know as "effects" in his character rather than as dialogue. These are things which a strong director would have found and dealt with, or which would have been discovered and corrected in a workshop production. Sadly, the realities of independent production, described in dollars and cents, don't aiways allow for essential periods of preproduction reworking.

Still, for the sake of the laughs and because "Mama" is more enjoyable than the great majority of independently-produced gay theatre these days, the play definitely should be on your Things To See and Do list.

Be ready to hiss and cheer as well as laugh. Buffy's Mom asks Tom's mother, "What do you want for your son, a lifestyle that fits your expectations without consideration for his happiness?" Mother Rose answers, "Yes." Hiss, hiss. The laughing and cheering bits. I'll leave for you to discover, and you'll find plenty of them.

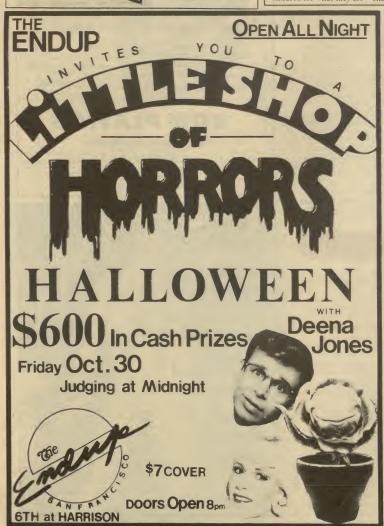
When Mama Comes Studio Eremos through Oct. 31; Thursdays, \$7, Fridays and Saturdays, \$8. Call 621-8875 for reservations.

#### Benefit Raffle At 'Love That Dares'

The Love That Dares bookshop, 506 Castro Street, will present a benefit raffle for the Women's Building and the Coming Home Hospice. Proceeds from the raffle will be divided equally between the two groups. The first prize is a \$400 gift certificate of store merchandise. The second prize is a \$50 gift certificate, and third prize is a \$25 gift certificate, and third prize is a \$25 gift certificate. The drawing will be held at the bookshop on Tuesday evening. Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. One need not be present in order to with.

A \$1 donation is requested per ticket. Tickets are on sale at the store from 10 a.m.-12 midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call 552-5110 or 552-5111, or stop by the shop.



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Hospice Benefit

## They're Truly 'Dinners To Come Home To'

by Joseph W. Bean

The Washington Square Bar & Grill will kick off "Dinners To Come Home To," a year-long program of benefits for Hospice of San Francisco, the parent organization of Coming Home Hospice.

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When Coming Home was opened in March, it was an extension of the Visiting Nurses Association's existing hospice systems. In recognition of its costeffective, but still "warm and home-like" conditions, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said, "It is a model for the kinds of compassionate care that could be developed throughout the nation."

The facility now serves 15 patients at a time, 12 to 13 of them AIDS patients. And, of course, is always in need of funding to support, improve, and expand services. Benefits like Dinners To Come Home To are vital.

Ed and Mary Etta Moose of Washington Square Bar & Grill, along with co-owners Sam Dietsch and Mark Schachern will host a special, \$75 per person dinner on Monday, Oct. 26, from 6-8 p.m. This will be the first of 12 monthly dinner events, each scheduled in a different San Francisco restaurant or nightspot.

Chef Richard Oku will give up his day off Monday to prepare the WSB&G dinner which will then be served by the restaurant's regular staff. The menu includes hors d'oeuvres, a starter course of smoked salmon tortellini in cream sauce, a green salad, choice of three entrees—rack of Sonoma lamb, a vegetarian selection, and a fresh fish—and chocolate mousse cake. Wines will be provided by Jordan Winerv.

Moose and his partners do a lot of benefits and special events. "Some are philanthropic," he says, "some are social, and some are political." But when it comes to doing charitable benefits, he doesn't like to become involved with "half-assed events, ones that won't work or that just put pennies in the hands of the supposed beneficiaries."

So, it is important to the owners of WSB&G that this is a success, and not a one-time event. In fact, the program is not only meant to continue for a full year, but it is also looked upon by the organizers as a pilot program which may then be extended and emulated in other areas.

The entire proceeds from the dinner will be given to Hospice of San Francisco, meaning that WSB&G is donating the predic-

#### Turkeys, Stay Home! Gay, Lesbian Veggies Plan T'Giving Din-Din

Gay and Lesbian Vegetarians will host a Thanksgiving Pot-luck Dinner and get-together on Saturday, Nov. 7. The informal dinner is open to everyone, and gives gay men and lesbian women a chance to enjoy a traditional, non-meat holiday gathering. Those attending are requested to bring a vegetarian food dish or a beverage.

For directions to the dinner or for more information, contact Rick Haze; P.O. Box 7971; Santa Cruz, 95061; 408-426-7315; or call 408-773-1335.

table income from a Monday evening plus the salaries of the entire staff. According to Bill Haskell, a Hospice representative, the average cost of caring for a patient at Coming Home Hospice during his entire stay—usually about 28 days—is around \$4,200 which is less than the expected \$5,000 donation to be generated by the kick-off dinner.

In deciding to become involved with the Dinners To Come Home To program, Moose says that an important factor was that he hears people saying things like, "Another AIDS benefit? I did that already. I think I'll do Multiple Sclerosis this year."
That kind of thinking is frightening, he says, adding, "What people don't seem to see is that this year and next year and probably 10 years from now more money is going to be needed for AIDS, not less."

And, since most of the people who are likely to attend a benefit at WSB&G are not the same

crowd who are attending "every AIDS benefit on the calendar," Moose sees his participation as having a "multiplying effect." It will touch and involve people who might not otherwise think much about AIDS. This, as Moose puts it, is especially important "because we don't want everyone to 'run out of gas' on this at the same time."

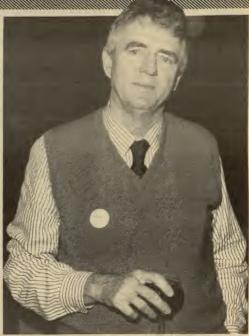
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After the dinner at Washington Square Bar & Grill, the next "Dinners" event is a dance planned by Marriot Hotels, scheduled to take place at City Eats in November. Tickets for the evening will be just \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Then, in December, Zola's Restaurant will be hosting the "Dinners" event, with the cooperation of Nyers Winery.

Seats for the Oct. 26 dinner.

Seats for the Oct. 26 dinner are still available, along with details and reservations for future events. Call Debra Friedland at Coming Home Hospice, (415) 285-5615.



Ed Moose, owner of the Washington Square Bar and Grill (Photo: Savage Photography)

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## Into The 20th Century

Ithough music lovers frequently complain that not enough contemporary works are produced on today's operatic stage, the 1987-88 season offers a healthy assortment of operas written by 20th-century composers. Hot on the heels of Santa Fe's triumphant production of The Nose, the Canadian Opera Company will present Shostakovich's Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk. Berg's Lulu will be heard at both the Metropolitan and Lyric Opera of Chicago. Carlisle Floyd's Of Mice and Men will be produced next spring by Chicago Opera Theatre.

In early 1988, Stephen Paulus' The Postman Always Rings Twice will be mounted by the Greater Miami Opera Association and Kirke Mecham's Tartuffe performed in Eugene, Oregon.

While the wealth of the national media's attention will be focused on the Houston Grand Opera's October premiere of John Adams' Nixon in China, the Kentucky Opera will present the world premiere of Philip Glass' The Fall of the House of Usher;



Baritone John Brandstetter and soprano Victoria Livengood performed the title roles in Stephen Oliver's Beauty and the

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Opera Delaware will mount the world premiere of Charles Strouse's *The Nightingale* and Pennsylvania Opera Theatre will unveil a new opera based on *Hansel and Gretel*.

A quick look at what's happening across America reveals important revivals of Lee Hoiby's The Tempest (Lyric Opera of Kansas City); Douglas Moore's The Ballad of Baby Doe (Florentine Opera of Milwaukee); Roberto Sierra's El Mensajaro de Plata (Opera de Camara de Puerto) Oliver Kneussen's Where the Wild Things Are and Dominick Argento's Casanova at the New York City Opera. Opera Omaha is staging Philip Glass' The Juniper Tree while the Lyric Opera of Chicago mounts Glass'

The Connecticut Grand Opera performs Andrew Lloyd Weber's Requiem while Opera Delaware offers subscribers a concert version of Thea Musgrave's Harriet Tubman: A Woman Called Moses. On the West Coast, the Long Beach Opera will mount Szymanowski's rarely-heard Krol Roger and the Vancouver Opera will stage Janacek's The Cunning Little Vixen.

Gershwin's Porgy and Bess will be heard in Calgary and Baltimore; Gian-Carlo Menotti's The Consul in Washington, D.C. and Jackson, Mississippi. Benjamin Britten's operas will be represented by The Turn of the Screw in Omaha, Sarasota, Boston and Vancouver; Peter Grimes in Philadelphia, A Midsummer Night's Dream in Los Angeles and Albert Herring (in both Little Rock and Milwaukee). Menotti's The Medium will be performed by Opera San Jose while Amahl and the Night Visitors delights holiday audiences in Orlando and San Antonio.

For those who have accepted Broadway musicals into the bosom of the operatic repertoire, productions of West Side Story, Working, Irma La Douce, Man of La Mancha, Sweeney Todd, Kismet, Kiss Me Kate and The Music Man will be offered on operatic stages across North America. Whether or not one embraces any or all of these works,

the mere fact that they are being kept alive and performed throughout the land is a matter of critical importance.

### SOME WORDS ABOUT WORDS

Now that we are several seasons into the use of supertitles, some technical points about their use need to be raised. In both Los Angeles and Miami, I've noticed that titles appear blurry, unfocused and are often projected in such a way that they become difficult to read. In San Francisco and several other cities, I see a stubborn adherence to a practice begun in the early days of supertitle technology which needs to be rethought and perhaps reworked.

Initially, the folks who were writing supertitles had severe doubts about just how much text an audience could absorb and at what speed the slides containing supertitles could be successively flashed on the screen. One result was that, all too often, two or more lines of dialogue would appear followed by a long pause before the next slide was shown. This led to a situation where audiences would laugh before the performer could deliver his line or where audiences knew the resolution of a dramatic trick before it could happen onstage.

Several technological advances in the use of supertitles have demonstrated that audiences can indeed absorb far more text at a quicker pace than was originally anticipated. While this phenomenon is most apparent in those opera houses which use computergenerated images rather that slides to project their text, I strongly urge those companies using slides (this includes the San Francisco Opera) to rework some of their supertitles so that there is less dialogue on each slide and more slides are used which contain fewer words. This way, the dramatic effect becomes much smoother and the text more accessible to the audience.

#### BESTIALITY ON PARADE

Earlier this year, when the Opera Theatre of St. Louis pre-

sented the American premiere of Stephen Oliver's Beauty and the Beast I encountered a bizarre phenomenon. Although directed with a strong sense of theatricality by Colin Graham and conducted with great skill by Hal France, this opera struck me as staunchly unmusical and of questionable stageworthiness. The cast members I spoke to confessed that Beauty and the Beast contained some of the most difficult music they had ever tried to memorize. (Baritone John Brandstetter admitted that he couldn't wait for his next engagement just so that he could wallow in the luxury of singing an honest melody.) And yet, although most of the people involved in the production confessed that they did not really enjoy it, the overwhelming sentiment was that the composer was "such a nice man."

The razor's edge which separates the artistic merit of one's creative output from the charm of one's personality is a phenomenon which has plagued Gian-Carlo Menotti throughout his long and prolific career. It may bedevil Stephen Oliver as well; I do not know what the future holds in store. What I do know is that, after two performances, I'd had more than my share of Beauty and the Beast. Marie Anne Chiment's sets helped to create a netherworld of fairy tale drama, but I doubt that we'll see or hear much more of this opera in America.

## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

I regret not having sufficient time to attend a second performance of Prokofiev's The Fiery Angel while in Los Angeles last month, for that truly would have been time well spent. When a company like LAMCO (Los Angeles Music Center Opera Association) manages to pull off such a dramatic triumph in its second season, you know that its future will be exciting.

This production, acted on steeply raked and dangerously angular sets designed by Robert Israel, was a joint venture with the English National Opera and Geneva Opera. It was also one of the most exciting pieces of opera theatre to be seen in a long, long time. Superb cameos were delivered by Marvellee Cariaga as a deranged sorceress, Cary Bachlund as Agrippa of Nettesheim and Ken Remo as a medieval doctor.

While baritone Roger Roloff did an excellent job with the thankless role of Ruprecht (a characther who strikes me as the stupidest schmuck in the operatic repertoire) he served primarily as a dramatic foil to the rantings and ravings of Marilyn Zschau's obsessive Ranata.

Whether fiercely battling a host of unseen demons, insanely demanding that Ruprecht execute some ridiculous errand or exulting in trance-like spasms of religious ecstasy, Zschau (whose strident voice is perfectly suited to dementedly evil roles like Ranata or Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk) dominated the stage throughout the evening.

The soprano's towering performance was carefully framed by Andrei Serban's wild stage direction (whose more bizarre moments included demons popping through strangely-lit trapdoors, American Indians shooting arrows across the stage and

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## Too Outrageous For All The Wrong Reasons

by Steve Warren

Too Outrageous! is too outrageous for all the wrong reasons. It's the kind of clumsy melodrama where love seems too good to be true, it is; and where you know at the first cough that the cougher will come down with AIDS.

The sad fact is, writer-director Dick Benner has not grown in ten years, while star Craig Russell has only grown physically. He's certainly too big to play Tina Turner.

The original Outrageous! was a nice little movie about the friendship between Robin Turner (Russell), a gay hairdresser (pardon the redundancy) who becomes a drag queen, and Liza Connors (Hollis McLaren), the schizophrenic young woman he rescues from a life in an asylum. It was a pleasant, low-budget surprise and had its political shit pretty well together.

Ten years later the mentality has barely advanced six months. Despite two references to AIDS and a joke about safer sex there's no indication anyone—gay or otherwise—is using condoms, and someone actually says, "I took an 'up' earlier. I was gonna go dancing but my friends sorta 'luded out on me."

The message is basically "I Am What I Am," conveyed in an original, less worthy song, but the way Robin introduces it makes him more of an ungrateful bitch than a hero.

Nothing much has changed when the story opens. Robin is still doing impressions in a New York leather bar, the Jack Rabbit, while greater fame eludes him. Liza still lives with him (McLaren is again very good except for overplaying her first few scenes) and Bob (David McIlwraith, who looked better with a beard) still manages him.

High-powered agent Lynne Cormack takes an interest in Robin and when warned "G-A-Y, never fly," responds, "I know I can shape him into something acceptable." Okay, boo hiss, but Robin goes along with it and doesn't take a stand until a crucial moment when not only his career but Cormack's by now substantial investment is at stake.

To keep Robin in line at one point Cormack shows him he can be replaced, as Jimmy James does a sensational Marilyn Monroe. It works in the plot, but

#### Halloween At 'The Troc'

The Black Party, one of the most festive and popular events of the year, will be held on Halloween night, Saturday, Oct. 31. The party begins at 10 p.m. and goes until the dawn of All Hallows Day at Trocadero Transfer.

Entertainment will feature a special live performance by Secret Ties, singing their hit Dancing in My Sleep as well as their new single, Carnival. DJ Michael Jorba will spin a nonstop mix of high energy dance music to the visual accompaniment of VJ Cameron Brown and lights by Tom Vargas. Due to the popularity of this event, advance tickets are available at all Headlines outlets and All American Boy. Admission to The Black Party is \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door (if available).



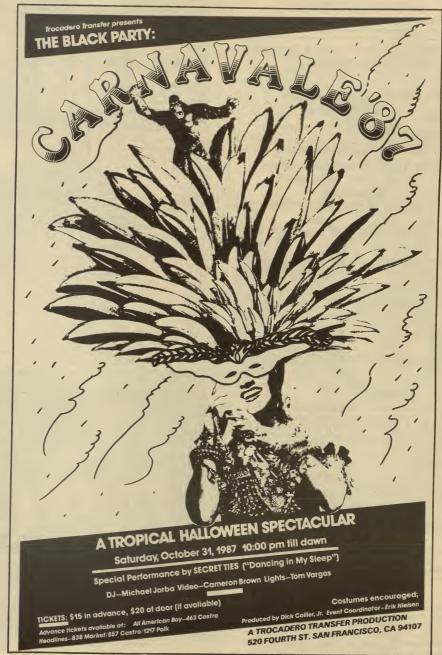
Craig Russell as Barbra Streisand in Too Outrageousi

Russell is too generous in giving screen time to someone who bests him at his own game.

That's not to say Russell doesn't get in some good moments as Mae West, Judy Garland, Peggy Lee and Eartha Kitt. But he shouldn't have attempted Tina Turner, Sarah Vaughn (whose name is misspelled, as was Bette Midler's in the original) or Bette Midler; and his Janis Joplin looks like Olivia de Havilland. He's also good with one-liners—telling a waiter to "Hold the attitude," explaining he's "too feminine" to impersonate Anne Murray and stepping out of the bathroom covered head to toe in cream: "I was shaving."

The photography could have shown the star's impressions to better advantage and better editing could have punched up the jokes, but nothing could have saved the script.

We're not talking major disaster here, just mild disappointment at wasted opportunities. ●



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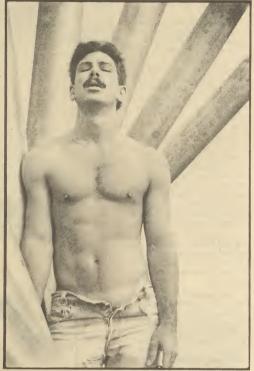
## The Agnosissies Vs. The Molinarettes

ast Friday night, Oct. 16, while the Bare Chest Calendar auction was in progress, only a handful of guys witnessed a bloody fist fight in the alley behind the Eagle between two gay men. Earlier that day on the 24 Divisadero bus two gay men and a lesbian got into a shouting match of vile nameshouting match of vile name-calling, racial slurs, and pushing and shoving. In the men's room at the Castro Theatre Saturday night, two more gay men got into another confrontation that almost escalated into a full-fledged brawl, but cooler heads prevailed. What brought on these outbursts?

The divisive nature of the SF mayoral campaign has driven usually calm, cool, and collected heads into a vicious streak of ver-bal attacks, innuendoes, and name-calling. Those supporting Assemblyman Agnos and those supporting Supervisor Molinari are off on a tangent that has the dish flying in every direction. The hackles are raised to a sharp consistency and former friends don't even talk to each other. Rarely has this sort of thing hap-pened in previous elections, to my knowledge. The political clubs are rampant with unfounded distortions, accusations, and back-biting that has spilled or into the gay community and it isn't pretty at all!

My political experience isn't all that seasoned. I examine the all that seasoned. I examine the candidates in whatever race may exist, try to see/hear debates, read their literature, and make my decision. I have never openly written in this column my choice nor have I tried to tell you readers how to vote. I merely say for whom I am voting. If anybody asks, I tell them why (with no arguments) and leave it at that. "Vote your conscience" is what I always say. I always say.

But this campaign is really get-ting on everyone's nerves. I always look at the people who sur-round the candidate(s). Do they



Robert Genet shares the covers of the S.F. Eagle Bare Chest Calendar, now available at the Eagle and other outlets. The proceeds of the calendar will benefit AIDS charities

(Photo: R. Pruzan)

really believe in the candidate's abilities or are they in it for their own personal aggrandizement (in the spotlight), or possibly an appointment to a commission or a plush job? Like every other effort, there is always that lunatic fringe involved. But that's politics. I would hope this thing settles down—it's very frustrating as well as nauseating to be subjected to all this viciousness wherever you go. To say, "Grow really believe in the candidate's wherever you go. To say, "Grow Up!" is not enough, and perhaps

if the candidates knew about all this, they might ask their supporters and campaign people to tone it down a little. Leaving the wives of the candidates out of it would be a plus too. Think about it. And vote your choice/con-science on Nov. 3.

ome \$4,000 was raised at the SF-Eagle last Friday night as the 1988 Bare Chest Competition Calendar



Leather men and women gathered at the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

made its appearance for the first time. This year's black and white paean to the bare chests in our midst is a work of artistic endeavor on the part of Vic Arimondi and the award-winning Robert Pruzan. The calendar sells for \$10. There are some 50 autographed ones available at \$15. The proceeds will accrue to the AIDS Emergency Fund and other AIDS support groups. Outof-towners can write to the SFE Eagle, 398 12th St., S.F. 94103 and the calendars will be available in various locations around town TBA. A nice effort again and thanks to everyone involved, including Mike Chase, Rita Rockett, and Sharon McNight, who helped get the dinner dates with the winners auctioned off. Sharon and Rita are too much!

ashiers and sales girls are running ragged all over town with the big surge on for make-up, panty hose, and other feminine accountements. One dude got evicted from his pad by an irate landlord because he didn't pay his rent and instead invested some \$800 in a dress, etc. The wig makers are making a fortune and so are the people who fashion them. Ms. Marcel at 4084 18th is turning out some gorgeous creations. I saw Patrick Toner's black wig done already, and I'm waiting for the leather god to pick it up. Saturday night, the muscle-bound ones will don their finery for the Castro Cotillion and flee to the Cafe San Marcos. Remember, pastel colors only, girls! Actually, it's not sponsored by Muscle System. (Heaven forbid, Bob and George!) It's just some of the body-builderdrag members who work out by day and wig out by night! You have to be in drag to get in, and camp drag just will not do!

E.N. Video just completed the video tape of the March on Washington this weekend and already 100 copies of a 12-minute tape have been sent to bars all over the country. The cost of the tape is \$19.87 plus \$2 for postage and handling. Californians can order by adding \$1.29 tax (total: \$23.16) and writing to M.E.N., One United Nations Plaza, S.F. 94102. You can order by Visa or Mastercard by calling 621-0200.

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The 15-minute tape concentrates on the Names Project, the Harvey Milk Memorial dedication, and the official march. M.E.N. took two camera crews to Washington and captured the historic action for posterity. In the Bay Area, the tape can be seen at Sutters Mill, SF-Eagle, Village Bar, The Special, Midnight Sun, Phoenix, Rawhide II, Moby Dick, Amelia's, Maud's, and the Giraffe. In the East Bay, you can catch it at Big Mama's and the Bench & Bar. Order yours now—you'll watch it over and over!

nthony Bruno, known to the leather community here because of his productions of the Mr. Drummer contest, has written a play dubbed "a romance for the '80s—dammit." It opens Sunday night, Oct. 25, at the Richmond Shepard Theatre at 6476 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles. It stars that hot Steve Patterson, Tom Wagner, and Jerry Clark, and plays Thursday through Sunday. If you're in L.A. some weekend, be sure to see Soul Survivor—knowing Anthony it should be tear-iffic!

o what's to do in the coming days/weeks? Tomorrow night, Oct. 23, the hottest thing going is Danny Williams' birthday beer bust at the SFEagle starting at 2000 hours. Leather Daddy Zack Long and Daddy's Boy John Cassas will MC the show featuring the Blazing Redheads, the dynamic Marga Gomez, Deena Jones, Tommi Rose, and a host of other talents. The Cal Eagles M/C will host and there'll be a 50/50 raf-fle, all to benefit the PWA Thanksgiving Dinner and the AIDS Emergency Fund. See you there?

Saturday, Oct. 24, here's the lineup: It's a Masquerade Ball to benefit the AIDS Project of the East Bay at the Kaiser Convention Center Gold Room, 10th & Oak in Oakland. Put on by Western Hairlines, tickets are available there for \$25. Call 451-4882 for details.

Saturday afternoon the Castro Lions are having an outdoor garage sale at the Church St. Station parking lot with lots of "costume" items (for Halloween, dummy!).

The Cal Eagles M/C begin their 2nd annual weekend at the Rushriv, departing from the SF Eagle at 1000 hours for the Triple-R. Call their hotline at



Sharon McNight points out the finer points of one of those who grace the Bare Chest Calendar (Photo: S. Martin)

586-9933 for details (\$40 includes lodging, cocktail party, and breakfast).

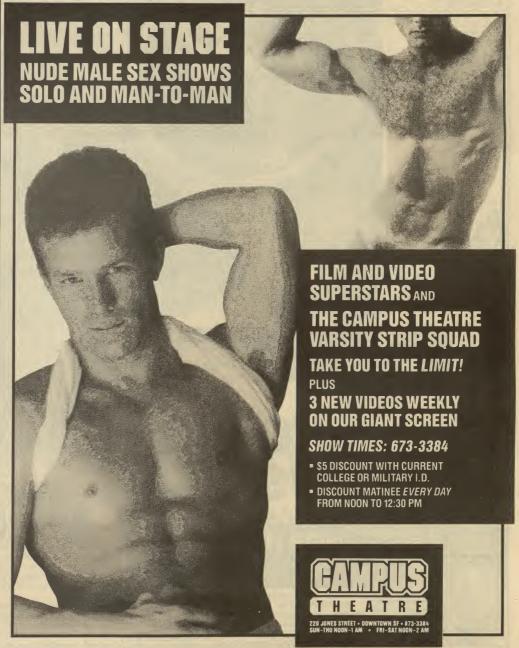
Saturday night, the GDIs present their 14th annual edition of "A Date at Minsky's" at the California Club (Clay at Van Ness) with tickets \$10 in advance or \$12

at the door. Call Richard Wellner if you want a choice table (if any are left, that is!).

Sunday, Oct. 25, the Barbary Coasters M/C present "Phantom of the Opera," a one-day run, check in between 1100-1200 at My Place (1225 Folsom). Pay \$6 for the entire day with a beer bust at the Eagle from 1500-1800.

Sunday too they're having an auction at Trax on Haight at 1500 for Coming Home Hospice.

The Cycle Runners M/C and the Golden Gate Guards are (Continued on next page)



### Marcus

showing their run tape "Southern Comfort" on Wednesday, 1000 hours, at the Covered Wagon, and Thursday, another biggie, the Bon Voyage Beer Bust at the SF Eagle for Patrick Toner.

Ms. Peckerhead and another dude will MC and introduce the entertainment, which includes Danny Williams, Marga Gomez, the B (as in balloon) Girls, Sharon McNight, Deena Jones, and some male strippers. It's only \$5

so join in the fun!

Earlier that night, the Eagle's annual pumpkin carving contest with \$50 prizes in two categories: scary and funny!

Friday the 30th: Supervisor Molinari's Masquerade Ball & Auction at the Stanford Court, and the SF-Eagle's Leather & Feathers!

More Halloween parties next week, but remember it's the Troc's annual Black Party, Car-navale '87, a tropical spectacular.

Sat., Nov. 7, it's the Mr. South of Market Contest at the Troc and on Nov. 14, it's the Mr. Leather Contest of N.Y. there. Nov. 8, CMC Carnival. Contestants for Mr. Carnival or booth renters should call 626-3858. Stay busy!

## THROW A LITTLE DISH ON THE BARBIE?

Nobody's saying who hit who or who scratched who, but the Pigs in Paradise beer bust at the Rawhide II last Sunday was a packed house in spite of the internal piggering, and at least one deputy isn't speaking to another deputy "forever!" he claims.



Steven Patterson (I.) and Tom Wagner in *Soul Survivor.* (Photo: Courtesy Brick Productions)

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Wait 'til you see Patrick Toner's wig on Halloween and James Buhler claims he'll be "fabulous" with make-up and wig by Candi Del Rey! Shoes by Payless; Panty-hose by Walgreen's! I can't wait!

And I'm getting lots of mail from dudes who've been duped (hundred\$) by someone who describes himself as "tall, beard-

ed, sadist" and has a name akin to a vehicle. Beware! Also beware of someone who's "always look-ing for drugs" and then turning you in for "possession" or "sell-ing!"—these queens never rest. I'll never understand queens who rip off other queens!

That's it for this week. Your bird(s)/parrot(s) will be glad to get some new flooring on the bottom of the cage. Til next time, keep your legs crossed, stay out of the bushes, and support all the local AIDS charities.



The S/M-Leather contingent gathered at the Department of Commerce for a conference in Washington, D.C. (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

## Ham It Up With Lambda

The Lambda Amateur Radio Club, a gay amateur radio club re-cently was formed in the San Francisco area. The group hopes to find more gay "hams" and other interested persons to join them.

Amateur radio is a hobby where each participant receives a federal license to transmit radio signals. With the license, hams can talk across town or around the world. In recent months interconnection of computers by radio has become the rage.

The club, which is the Golden Gate chapter of a national group, hopes to bring gay hams together. It encourages those who might have an interest in the hobby to get involved. For more information about the club or amateur radio, call 821-2666, or write the club at P.O. Box 14073, San Francisco, CA 94114.









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## **Debut of Silver Strip**

erhaps you should all be forewarned that this colsilly side, as opposed to all out silly, which at most times it is. However I shall try to sprinkle it with bits of information, both serious and humorous, that I feel might interesting to your info. gathering centers.

The campaign for mayor is of course no longer on the back burner, having jumped too far beyond the front burner some time ago. It has done what some time ago. It has done what some soothsayer predicted, in that it has divided many gays and lesbians (take note Pat Norman, even I said those words), and yes



Danny Williams will be the birthday boy Friday at the Eagle (Photo: R. Pruzan)

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some of them are getting a bit testy and childlike in their tac-tics. I for one have always been decided on who I shall vote for, and that is John Molinari, a man who has been visible, and accessi ble to our community for as long as my nine years of San Francisco experience can remember. Yes, my friends, that is what is im portant to our community at this

If you take the time to think that the future of San Francisco lies in your hands, then your hands will complete the process by casting your vote for John Molinari on Nov. 3!

Here we go with the tidbits, or lack of them, according to a letter from Billy Ray, that I recently received, it appears that everyone did have a good time at Ron-ny and Billy's recent birthday bash at the Covered Wagon. Ar-tie also confirms this fact. How-ever, this letter came with much ever, this letter came with much mystery about it. This mysterious letter states that Billy Ray and Larrie with an "ie", are up to something in the proverbial near future. What they are up to is so hush-hush that they can't even give this humble columnist an inkling. So until I get more of a clue, everyone stays in the dark. I mean it's like I can't be trusted to keep a secret. to keep a secret.

The last meeting of the Tavern Guild was held at Big Mama's, in Hayward, and the group in attendance was lucky enough to hear the Mayor of Hayward, Alex Giuliani. The man presented binnelf in accine weight the the simself in a caring way, in that he seems to be sensitive to the problems of all. He also seemed to be keeping abreast of what he could do, as Mayor of Hayward, in the fight against AIDS.

Thank you, Mayor Giuliani, for taking time out of your schedule to address the Tavern Guild meeting. I know that many others found your being there as infor-mative as I did. The next Tavern Guild meeting will be this com-ing Tuesday at the Blue & Gold, on Turk St., at 1 p.m. Also you can get updates or info. on the Tavern Guild by calling them at 771-6133.

Treasures galore are sure to be the order of the day when the Castro Lions Club holds its parking lot sale at the Church Street Station this coming Saturday, from 8 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. Yes, they will have goodies for you all to choose from, and I'm sure they will have some clever items to help fill out your Xmas list.

You might be out of luck if you are just now reading this column and find out, much to your dismay, that Minsky's goes to Hollywood this Saturday evening at the California Club. The dismay would be that you might be out of luck as far as getting But you could still check at one of your local bars, or take your chances at the door when it opens at 6 p.m. that evening.

I hear that the COITS will be there for their October social, and they might want to buy-a duck! Congratulations to the new officers of the COITS, who were elected after a sumptuous spaghetti dinner at Chuck Dem-mons Villa. It was so good to see PJ, Man Mound, at the Mint for cocktails after the meeting.

It seems that there will be a pack of Cubs on the staff of the Mint as they celebrate Halloween 1987 in conjunction with the other Silver Strip Bars Oct. 31. Silver Strip bars include The Pilsner, Church Street Station, Galleon, Transfer, Mint, and the Eagle Creek, not necessarily in that order. They will all have their own judges who will decide on who will be the 1st Queen of the who will be the 1st Queen or the Silver Strip by being judged in each bar. First prize will be \$500, with second prize being \$200. The contestants will be judged on the usual categories: cooking skills, hairdos, glamour, etc. . . . just kidding! But all you hopefuls can get more info. at any of the can get more info. at any of the aforementioned establishments



The Fabulous Flame

(Photo: Rink)

It seems that Lonnie found the at seems that Lonnie found the delightful tuna/noodle casserole, made by Big D, just slightly on the dry side. Obie, as always, was quoted as saying, "I kill myself."

Danny Williams turns 25, at least that is what it looked like to me on the flyer that I glanced at. Of course I kept in mind that I don't recall it saying what he turned 25 of? It could have been pancakes, pages, or even (God forbid) tricks. The last thing that comes to my little cotton pickin' mind is years. As we all know by now that the last thing comedians would reveal is their age, could be that they are afraid of getting that big of a laugh. Enough nonsense.

Danny will be celebrating his birthday at the S.F. Eagle this Friday evening with a beer bust, with the beneficiaries being the AIDS Thanksgiving dinner and the AIDS Emergency Fund. The party starts at 8 p.m. and the entertiement will be hy some of tertainment will be by some of Danny's closest friends. Trans-lated, means that the best in the biz will be on hand for this fine

No Sable is not going to Port-land, and yes, she is staying in the city, I mean how could she leave when she has had such excellent help in getting her piece of tail securely fastened.

I think that sometimes you should always have one of these next items.

Tatiana is doing something very special with the First Saturday shows at Kimo's. These shows are always put together in a professional way and that must be why the first Saturday of each month is becoming the place to be. These are all fundraisers for a different charity each month. be. These are all fundraisers for a different charity each month, and they are all from the heart. Thank you, Tatiana, and Co., for making this happen! Nov. 7, 9 p.m. will be their next show at Kimo's, and there will be a \$5, donation, which will go to the Open Hand Project, the entertainment for that evening will come from the ranks of the Imperial Family. perial Family.

NOTE TO TOADY: I'll see you at the Trocadero after the bars close on Halloween for Carnivale '87, featuring a guest appearance

by Secret Ties, and much CHA CHA.

I will be in Portland when you read this so I will borrow a line from someone I admire, Nez Pas, and say "Is it wrong to feel good about yourself, I think not. I can smile!"

#### Ronnie, Jr.'s AIDS Video

Ron Reagan, Jr., son of President Reagan, will host AIDS: Changing The Rules, a powerful one-hour special aimed at adult heterosexuals, on Friday, Nov. 6 at 10 p.m. on KQED, Channel 9.

at 10 p.m. on KQED, Channel 9.

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The film is intended for an adult audience and uses contem-porary vernacular to describe sexual practices. Although the film contains no nudity, it does give a "how to" demonstration for proper condom use, using a banana, and frank comments on banana, and trains com-the safety of various sexual prac-



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## Karl's Calendar Compiled by Diedre

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Desiree Revue, N'Touch, showtimes 10:30 p.m. and 12:15 a.m.

#### FRIDAY 10/23

Danny Williams' Birthday Beer Bust, S.F. Eagle, 8-11 p.m., \$7, entertainment, hosts Califor-nia Eagles M/C, benefit 4th an-nual People with AIDS Thanks-giving Dinner and AIDS Emergency Fund.

#### SATURDAY 10/24

Golden Gate Guards Garage Sale, Saturday and Sun-day, 9 a.m. 4 p.m., Hartford Street between 18th and 19th streets.

SFGDI Minsky's 87, California Club, doors open 6 p.m., show starts 7 p.m., \$10 advance, \$12 at the door.

California Eagles M/C Rush Riv Autumn Stampede, Triple R, Saturday and Sunday, \$40. For details call 586-9933.

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WEDNESDAY 10/28

Golden Gate Guard

#### **SUNDAY 10/25**

Barbary Coasters One- M/C Day Run: Phantom of the ICF.

Opera, check in 11 a.m.-12 p.m., bike events and scavenger hunt, My Place, \$6, Beer Bust, S.F. Eagle, 3-6 p.m., \$7.

Paulette's Birthday Party, Men's Room, 3-6 p.m., buffet

Benefit Auction, Trax, 3 p.m., hosts Sissy and Lily Street, benefit Coming Home Hospice.

Cabaret Night, Galleon, David Canfield, 5 p.m., Aldo Bell, 8 p.m., \$5 cover all performances.

#### TUESDAY 10/27

Tavern Guild Meeting, Blue and Gold, 1 p.m.

Metaphysical AIDS Healing Services, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St., 7 p.m., contributions accepted.

Royal Open Court Meeting and Pre-Halloween Costume Party, Kimo's, 8 p.m., everyone

Golden Gate Guards Club Night, Covered Wagon, 8-11 p.m., guest club Cycle Runner's M/C to show run tape, benefit

## Heymont

(Continued from page 28)
Mephistopheles eating a little
child). Serban's depiction of a
wall which oozed black tentacles
of demonic ectoplasm or a
chorus of crazed nuns who began
baring their breasts in an orgy of mass hysteria were examples of opera theatre at its very best.

Speight Jenkins, general director of the Seattle Opera, insists that the theatre is a place which, that the theatre is a place which, by definition, is supposed to be dangerous. Under Lawrence Foster's baton, LAMCO's large cast did a splendid job of present-ing a dramatically confusing, musically challenging and theatri-cally exhilarating 20th-century

work to an audience reared on a steady diet of TV sitcoms.

No matter how one reacted to this staging of *The Fiery Angel*, there was no denying its effectiveness as a highly provocative piece of musical theatre. The propiece of musical theatre. The production was exciting, challenging and, during certain moments, terrifying. Who could ask for anything more?

## **Erotica**

(Continued from page 22)
want graphic action, however, are
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The market for lesbian porn is clearly a growing one, despite some obstacles inherent in an some obstacles inherent in an evolving medium. Financial constraints limit production of quality materials and distribution networks are fragile. It is still not possible to walk into your local video store and check out copies of Shadows or Private Pleasures.

There are a few outlets in the There are a few outlets in the Castro but for the most part, individual women must shell out \$35 apiece to purchase these videos by mail, a cost factor which is prohibitive for many. Publications must deal with local bookstores, many of whom are



Ramona was quite popular at the Blush Productions strip ghts at the Baybrick. (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene) nights at the Baybrick

not yet ready to carry graphic

Ultimately, however, it will be the attitudes and conditioning of lesbians that determines where the lesbian porn industry grows. For many years, lesbians seemed to be "above" the need for hot, sleazy sexuality. Social and political identities were more important. The result of this was that sexual nature and identities began to gather dust and an aura of disreputability. Now, with the help of publishers like Sundahl and the encouragement of writers such as JoAnn Loulan ("Lesbian Sex") lesbians are beginning to own their sexuality again. Lesbians are integrating the lesbian porn industry grows again. Lesbians are integrating the political, the spiritual, and the sexual—with some exciting

Yet, lesbians are also creatures of conditioning and that dies hard. For years, the message was that a quiver of response in the thighs was inferior to the throb of romance in the breasts. While lesbians have given priority to the intellectual and emotional aspects of their lives, the physical side has become neglected. This has lead to fear or ignorance of sexuality.

Pioneers of lesbian sexuality, including the porno producers and writers of erotica, say they are encouraging integration of lesbian sexuality with intellectualism. Their detractors claim that they are exploiting other women.

What seems most probable is that lesbians will approach pornat respians will approach pornography in the same way they approach art, politics, and relationships. You take what is best and leave the rest, thus creating a unique medium.





Rainbeau'z Productions performs both in S.F. and at the River (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

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ears can come from any quarter, even interior ones. In a time of witch-hunting, fear is pervasive. We feel it could dart out from anywhere, even from the psyches we thought

we could trust. Here, Watmough we count trust. Here, Watmough shows his fictional alter ego Davey Bryant coping with two sources of fear: the homophobic around us and the guilt lodged within, periodically exuding its

It's the Bay Area in 1953, with the McCarthyite hysteria over Commies and fags at its frantic height. Emigrant Davey, alone because his lover Ken is off on military service, struggles with his Stanford library job under the baleful eye of a leftish librarian, who is also his landlord. But as usual in the life of this clever, lucky scapegrace, Davey bounces to other situations, some picares quely satirical, some dramatic, some poignant.

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The major scene is Stanford,

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SF Track & Field Club Enjoys Banner Season



Rick Thoman takes the baton from Earl Bryant in one of the many relay victories of the S.F. Track & Field Club this season. (Photo: S. Savage)

#### by Rick Thoman

The San Francisco Track & Field Club made it into the record books this season behind the efforts of former Olympian Marjorie Larney. And the 1987 track season showed the club continues to be strong in the men's sprints and the women's field events.

Larney's National records in the discus and shot put were achieved at the TAC National Masters Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon, and were the highlight of a season distinguished by numerous personal records for many team members.

This was Larney's first season of competition in 26 years and her ability to return to her former Olympic form and capture National recognition exemplified the team's desire to achieve personal goals of excellence.

As S.F. trackster Bernard Turner explained, "Our club continues to make its presence known at the meets we go to. We may not be winning every event but we have proven ourselves often enough that the competition respects us. I think Marjorie's records will bring us wider recognition and was certainly an inspiration for the everyone on the team."

Undeniably, the most improved athlete on the San Francisco track team this season was sprinter Frank Demby. After spending previous seasons in the shadows of his teammates, Demby deservedly burst into the spotlight with three personal best marks established during 1987. He ran personal best times in the 50, 100 and 200 meters, as well as making substantial contributions to both the 4x100 and 4x400 relay squads. Demby finished his stellar year with a 5-gold medal performance at the Santa Barbara Masters Meet which garnered him the meet trophy for outstanding individual achieverant.

The fastest man for San Francisco's award-winning squad of sprinters was Earl Bryant. Along with personal best marks in the 50 and 200 meters, Bryant had the team's fastest times of the season in the 50 and 100 meters. He also expanded his talents to include the 400 meters, which could be a bonus to S.F's rapidly improving 4x400 relay squad.

Rick Thoman was the first SF T&F Club member to go under 24 seconds in the 200 meters as he led the team in that event with a clocking of 23.9. He was followed closely by the personal best marks of 24.1 seconds by both Bryant and Demby. In the 400 meters, Bernard Turner remained the hot commodity for the team, with a team-leading time of 53.6 seconds early in the season. Turner was forced out late in the season with a knee injury but hopes to recover over the offseason and be back strong in '88.

Also adding to S.F.'s sprint potential were Jim Pasquali, an over-40 runner in only his second season of competition, and Alan French, who had an abbreviated season due to personal commitments.

Patrick Daniels recorded the fastest team time in the 800 meters, just ahead of a 2:11 personal best mark by Thoman. The men's middle distances also saw some outstanding personal performances by the team's workhorses, Bradley Haynes and Paul Rosenfield.

Working on individual skills and getting ready for the next Gay Games decathlon, Oliver Murphy had a fine season, particularly in the high jump and long jump.

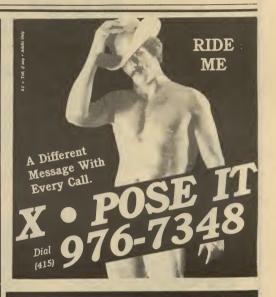
The women's field events were dominated by Larney's mark, but equally outstanding were the personal best marks by Alita Rosenfield, who continues to improve and once again left the National Championship meet with a fistful of medals. And taking her first stab at competing, Barb Racine exhibited potential in the javelin, shot put and discus.

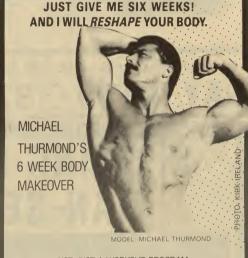
By far the most gold medals of the year went to the club's sole female runner, Nancy Frost. Frost dominated the competition in virtually every meet she performed in and, although she didn't reach the personal goals she had set for herself, her running speed and technique improved dramatically throughout the season and she appears to be headed for some record times in 1988

The club continues to be weak in women's running events (with only one competitor) and men's field events and distance runs. "We would really welcome help in all the events, by both sekes," sprint star Bryant explained. "It would be great if people interested in competing for San Francisco at the 1990 Gay Games would start getting in shape now, to avoid injury and get some competition under their belts."

Summing up 1987, sprinter Pasquali declared, "We used this year to rebuild physically. There was a sort of mental letdown after the emotional high of the Gay Games last year, so this season we refocused on goals as a track club. We also found a coach who did a great job challenging us physically. I think we grew as a team too. We seem to have pulled together an established a firm basis of support and camaraderie."

Concurring with Pasquali's assessment, Demby noted, "We really have a solid foundation of physical strength due to the coaching we received. We plan to build on this basic strength and capitalize on it next season. I think we're all excited about the possibilities that lay ahead of us."





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### Women Bowlers Holding Their Own



Members of the Women's Business League (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

by Richard McPherson

In 1980, four women got together to go bowling and had so much fun they decided to join a league. The gay leagues were full so they decided to create a league of their own . . . this one, a women's league (there are a few leablants and straights in the lesbians and straights in the primarily gay male bowling leagues).

Thus was the spark that ignited into the San Francisco Women's Business League (SFWBL), a Sunday evening league that bowls weekly at Park Bowl in S.F. This 18-team league, now celebrating its sixth anniversary, has blossomed over the years into one of the largest and most successful lesbian leagues in the country.

Mel (Melanie) Coyle, Gayle Mel (Melane) Coyle, Gayle Chun, Mona Tong and Bernice Straub who are the proud co-founders of this league, still bowl in the league to this day. They believed in their concept and have stayed on board to provide nurturing and support over the

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In 1980 this foursome approached lesbian-owned busnesses with the idea of creating a women's league, although, ac-cording to Coyle, "Many were hesitant, since past attempts were not successful. We found eight not successful. We found eight businesses who agreed to spon-sor and put together a team. Then we checked with Park Bowl and found that Sunday evenings were available." And they were

The league has been growing by two to four teams per year to its present size.

"This league gives women who aren't athletic a chance to compete," said Mel. Competition is certainly a great boost to the ego and sense of self-esteem. Suddenly, for many, winning at a sport was a new emotional high. Mel said that they even offered periodic howling clinics to assist. periodic bowling clinics to assist the new and inexperienced bowlers in improving their game.

This league provides a great framework for lesbian socializ-ing: "I don't know about the other gay leagues, but the women in this league have a lot of fun; even the higher and lower average bowlers joke around," said Coyle. And indeed a playful high energy atmosphere is pre-sent on the lanes. "A lot of romances have devel-

oped over the years in this league, too," she added. "League bowltoo," she added. "League bowl-ing provides a good alternative to meeting other women in bars," which, Mel said is still one of the primary social meeting grounds.

The league even attracts nonlesbian bowlers who join because of the SFWBL's reputation as one of the best competitive women's leagues around.

Several of the league founders have bowled since childhood and each have many championship titles to their credit, making them the perfect group to spearhead and promote a new league concept. Coyle, with a 185 average, ranks amont the top women bowlers in this area, leswomen bowlers in this area, les-bian or straight. She would, in fact, be a worthy opponent for even the best of the gay male bowlers in this town.

One of her most noteworthy accomplishments is a 1,025 four-game series shot in a women's league back in the 1970s. Each game she shot was in the 250 or 260 bracket, averaging an astounding 258 for the set.

Until now, local lesbian bowling achievements have not receiving achievements have not received much press coverage, which is unfortunate, because within our midst lies some of the best women athletes in the Bay Area. Case in point is Patti Oates, a 175 average SFWBL bowler, who shot a 720 three-game set in the league a couple of years ago. This 240 average series is the highest sanctioned series by as lesbian bowler in the sixyear history of the league. And Velda Gooden, a 182 averaged bowling veteran 182 averaged bowling veteran from way back, shot not one, but two 300 games (two weeks apart) in a women's league in San Carlos.

Lesbian bowlers are holding their own now and SFWBL is providing the spotlight for outstanding individual and team events. The best is yet to come.

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### Cananee, Gall Warm Up For No-Tap



Doug Litwin in action at Park Bowl (Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

#### by Richard McPherson

Dick Cananee and Bill Gall emerged as the winners of "The Last One Before the Big One" No-Tap Doubles Tournament held on Sat., Oct. 3, at Castle Lanes. Cavanee (173 avg.) shot games of 217, 264, 264 for a 745, while Gall (175 avg.) helped him out with a 223, 222, 212 for a 657. Their 123-pin handicap gave them a total score of 1,525. Jerry Pepper strung 12 strikes together, no tap style (nine pins knocked down on the first ball counts as a strike), for a 300 game—even with this format that's a great accomplishment.

The No Tap Winners: Dick

that's a great accomplishment. The No Tap Winners: Dick Cavanee and Bill Gall, 1,402 +123=1,525; Randy Peterson and Patti Oates, 1,363+126 = 1,489; Jerry Pepper and Randy Peterson, 1,328+147=1,475; Tom Neidert and Randy Poupard, 1,190+276=1,466; Ernie Wilson and Bernice Straub, 1,226+204=1,430.

1,226+204=1,430.

The long awaited "big one" is now only weeks away. Nov. 5-8 is the weekend of the SFNTIT "87, the National no-tap tournament here in San Francisco. Entries have already arrived from 41 American and Canadian cities thus far, but some space is still available. The entry deadline has been extended, so last minute submissions are still being accepted, but be advised that some squad times are already full. Participation will be limited to 500 ticipation will be limited to 500 individuals.

Five of our local bowlers treked southward to compete in "SWIFT at Seal Beach," and all of them placed in the final stand-ings. Ernie Wilson, Arne Prince, Peter Bassford and Don Gambell Peter Bassford and Don Gambell were the members of the team that took third place while Randy Peterson and his partner from Arizona placed sixth in doubles. Peterson (174 avg.), blasted out games of 213, 230, 216 for a 659 series in that event. Arne Prince placed fifth in all-events. SWIFT (South Western Invitational Fun Tournaments) is a tournament Tournaments) is a tournament series for gay bowlers in the Southwestern United States.

Many of our local bowlers travel the country on the tournament trail and results of winner's efforts will be reported here as they are received. Details for all "on the road" tournaments are distributed in all S.F. gay leagues.

The Tavern Guild Leagues at Park Bowl have begun their new winter season of league play and already the pins are starting to fly. Arne Prince (193 avg.), capfly. Arne Prince (193 avg.), captured high game honors for the four leagues on the first night of league bowling with a 257 game, followed by J.C. Halstead (182 avg.), with a 245. They both promised to "do me in" if I reported their other games that night. Let's just say they were both on a one game roll! Dick Cavanee (173 avg.), also had a 245 game. The 600 series for Sent 28.30.

The 600 series for Sept. 28-30: Roy Thorson (195 avg.) 203, 222/614; David Arnold (169) 214/608; Bob Bates (167) 217/600.

214/608; Bob Bates (167) 217/600.

The 215+ games for this period: Tim Mulenon (182) 237; Rob Howser (155) 237; Larry Kramer (178) 234; Joe Sanders (152) 230; Frank Hecker (143) 228; Hugh Smith (180) 226; Terry Van Sciver (157) 223; Ken Sayles (166) 222; Mark Schultz (157) 220; Tim Sipple (187) 220; Richard McPherson (189) 215; and Randy Peterson (173) 215. son (173) 215.

Of special mention: Jay Kubovec (156 avg.), shot a 212; Doug Quick (155), shot a 210; Russell Willis (149), a 208 and Rob Levi (155), a 200. Marti Taylor (141 avg.) had the high game for the women with a 211.

The current winter season is The current winter season is now well underway for the SF Women's Business League at Park Bowl and already the women are hot! During the first three weeks of league play Velda Gooden (182 avg.), was the major scoring achiever, blasting out 237, 216, 203 for a 656 first night series, while Debbie Carmona (185 avg.), shot 233/609 and Patti Oates, (174) had a 220/604.

The 200+ games during first week of play: Pat Correa (162)





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#### BOWLING

#### Final Bowling Summer League Achievements

#### Monday

Team: Pilsner Powder Puffs: Ron Raimondi (Rat Lady), Lou Stephenson, Ken Auletta, Keith Ray, Kevin Keefer, Jack Margid.

High Individual Scratch Series: Men: Jeff Hettmansperger, (187 avg), 644; Women: Jackie Weil, (145), 545.

High Individual Scratch Game Men: Roger Spencer, (171), 259; Women Willie Jamison (141), 190.

High Individual Handicap Series: Ien: David Deluxe, (153), 612+129=741; Vomen: Linda Votaw, (109), 437+222=

High Individual Handicap Game: Men: Thomas Ward, (141), 230+56=286; Women: Anita Judge, (122), 176+63= 239.

#### Wednesday

Team: The Leftovers: Don Gambell, John Parry, Bob Bates, Peter Bassford, Chris Nichols, Bill Gall.

High Individual Scratch Series: Men: Arne Prince, (191 avg), 751; Women: Marti Taylor, (154), 564.

High Individual Scratch Game: Men: Randy Peterson, (179), 290; Women: Meryl Manthey, (160), 215.

High Individual Handicap Series: Men: Terry Van Sciver, (173), 665+102= 767; Women: Marion Golden, (109), 427+231=658.

High Individual Handicap Game: Men: Tim Veraldo, (127), 247+59=306; Women: Lynda Riley, (125), 201+61=262.

#### Thursday

Team: Play With It, Ltd.: Bob Bates, Don Gambell, Robert Montaldo, Randy Peterson, Dan Mannon.

High Individual Scratch Series: Ien: J.C. Halstead, (176 avg), 703; Jomen: Robyn Trost, (167), 593.

High Individual Scratch Game: fen: Greg Huliger, (172), 255; Women: farian Nishimura, (155), 247.

High Individual Handicap Series: Men: Randy Peterson, (177), 676+63=739; Women: Sue Tucker, (136), 551+162=713.

High Individual Handicap Game Men: Michael Barnett, (156), 245 + 43 = 285; Women: Lynn Wood, (140), 200 + 48-948

#### Japantown Bowl **Community Leagues**

Monday

Team: Balls to Spare: Tom Byers, ster Bassford, Don Gambell, David An-eas, Russell Beck, Ernie Wilson.

High Individual Scratch Series: Ien: Russell Beck, 639; Women: Judy

High Individual Scratch Game Men: David Young, 263; Women

Caroline Meek, 156.

High Individual Handicap Series: Men: Russell Willis, 678; Women: F. Bian-calana, 655.

High Individual Handicap Game Men: Don Gambell, 285; Women: Ba bara Dullea, 212.

#### Tuesday

Team: Giraffe: Ken Gray, Rich Sparacino, Reed Riley, Bill Pierson, Hunter Bauman, Dick Petroff.

High Individual Scratch Series: Men: Hunter Bauman, 640; Women: Lillian Johnson, 515.

High Individual Scratch Games Men: Ken Gray, 249; Women: Geri Williams, 198.

High Individual Handicap Series: Men: Bill Pierson, 713; Women: Sue Hov-da, 657.

High Individual Handicap Game: Men: Jessy Tingin, 280; Women: Donna Redpath, 227.

#### Wednesday

Team: Ball Maneuvers: Mike Pobuda, Harry Beard, Blaine Whitlock, Jack Badilla-Dawal, David Moody, Louise

High Individual Scratch Series: Men: David Arnold, 644; Women: Blain

High Individual Scratch Game: Men: Lowell Hills, 245; Women: Kendra

High Individual Handicap Series: Men: David Moody, 695; Women: Nenita

High Individual Handicap Game: Men: Jesse Vargas, 271; Women: Teresa Carroll, 233.

#### Thursday

Team: Old Rick's: Vera Cruz, Clif-

ford Russell, Randy Worden.

High Individual Scratch Series:
Men: Takeshi Hirano, 604.

High Individual Scratch Game:

High Individual Handicap Series: len: John Blythe, 733.

High Individual Handicap Game: Ien: Walt Christom, 272.

#### Sunday Reno League

Team: We Know!: Larry Fuller, Dar-rell Thomas, Whirl Gray, Ray Padua.

High Individual Scratch Series: Men: Darrell Thomas, 639; Women: Miyeko Keen, 504.

High Individual Scratch Game: en: Bob Sulewski, 245; Women: Maryan

High Individual Handicap Series: len: Tom Hinton, 727; Women: Miyeko een, 651.

High Individual Handicap Game: Men: Donald Choy, Jr., 272; Women: Maryan Cohen, 226.

### **Bowling**

225; Sally Cansura (164) 222; Mona Tong (156) 218; Mel Coyle (185) 214; and Kerry Robisaw (157) 209, 207. Worth a special mention is Cindy Hart who shot a 209 game, way over her 131 At Japantown 200+ games included: Dan Burley (170 avg.) 217; Bill Wood (161), shot a 216 and 201; Hermon Fleming (165) 205; Dave Dobson (140) 202; Bob Dean (147) 202; Michael Seibel (165) 202; Bill Perkins (167) 200; Cheryl Black (122) had her heart set on a 200 game and missed it by one pin . . . 199.

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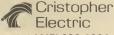
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